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Princess Alexandra Helen Elizabeth Helen Christabel, baby daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Kent, is one year old to-day.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Colony Makes 'Merry Until Early Hours

BRILLIANT ENTERTAINMENT AT H.K. AND GLOUCESTER HOTELS

SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICES TO-DAY

Anxieties, disappointments and anything that had the semblance of depression were forgotten for a few brief hours last night when Hong Kong residents joined in merriment to welcome the birth of another Christmas Day.

There will be special services in all Churches throughout the Colony this morning.

Customary with Christmas Eve celebrations in years gone by no efforts were spared last night to make it the merriest Christmas Eve for many a year. Everybody indulged wholeheartedly in the spirit of gaiety that predominated every function.

Hotels once again took the lead in the round of entertainments. The Hong Kong, Repulse Bay and Peninsula Hotels were thronged with merry-makers and the effective decorations, prominent with streamers, coloured festoons, balloons and all other festive paraphernalia added much to the success of the evening.

Patrons at the Hong Kong Hotel were enthusiastic in their applause for Volky's "Midnight Follies" whose bright numbers were splendid. Added to this there were Saita and Anis who were also accorded warm applause. Gaiety reached its heights when the clock struck twelve. The ever-sincere wish "A Merry Christmas" was on the lips of everybody and all entered into the spirit of Yuletide re-created by Father Time. The Peninsula Hotel enjoyed wide patronage and their programme of entertainment

there also featured the "Midnight Follies."

Never before has there been a programme featuring such a galaxy of artists. Encores were in great demand and every request was met.

GLOUCESTER HOTEL

Entertainment de luxe was likewise provided at the Gloucester Hotel where patrons thronged. Everything that the management could do was done—and very well indeed—to give their patrons of the best to their delight and satisfaction. Dancing was to the strains of the popular new Gloucester band.

The programme featured the popular and talented dancers, Don and Dolly and Pat and Andrew, and every number was warmly applauded.

Local cabarets also catered for the crowds and the gaiety was continued unabated until the small hours of the morning.

Sabotage Suspected

REPORTED FIRE ON BATTLESHIP

Paris, Dec. 24: Rumours persisted last night that a serious fire broke out aboard the 36,500 tons battleship Strasbourg which is now under construction at St. Nazaire. The conflagration is said to have started in the tunnel shaft for electrical control of cables amidships and to have been extinguished only after considerable damage had been caused.

Official confirmation of the rumours is not obtainable and this morning's papers do not contain the slightest reference to the alleged fire.

It is asserted, however, that the authorities suspect that the fire was due to an act of sabotage and are withholding information in order not to prejudice investigations which have been begun.—*Transocean News Service.*



To-day is also the birthday of the Duchess of Gloucester, wife of Prince Henry Duke of Gloucester. Her Royal Highness was formerly Lady Alice Scott and is the daughter of the Duke of Buccleuch. She received the G.B.E. decoration in the Coronation honours.

A MERRY XMAS

We take this opportunity of wishing our readers a Merry Christmas and to inform them that owing to the holidays we will not be publishing the "Sunday Extraordinary" to-morrow. "The Daily Press" will resume publication on Monday.

ANOTHER ALCAZAR AT TERUEL

CONFLICTING REPORTS CONCERNING CAPTURE

Saragossa, Dec. 24: All Nationalist Spain is watching the struggle of the besieged Nationalist garrison of Teruel with breathless attention similar to the siege of Alcazar and Toledo earlier in the Civil War. Nearly all Nationalist radio stations uninterruptedly exhort defenders to hold out until General Aranda will have succeeded in crushing the Republican besiegers by his encircling movement. The fate of the defenders, military circles declare, mainly depends upon how fast General Aranda succeeds in breaking through the enemy ring and how long the ammunition of the defenders lasts. Optimism continues to prevail in Nationalist circles.—*Transocean.*

CRITICAL SITUATION
Salamanca, Dec. 24: Nationalist radio station announced last night that Nationalists continue to defend Teruel against violent Republican attacks. The situation of the Reds is said to become more critical from hour to hour.—*(Continued on Back Page) Transocean.*

HAZARDOUS NAVIGATION

Shanghai, Dec. 24: Navigation of the Yangtze is still most hazardous and therefore it could not be said at present when unrestricted navigation would be resumed, a Japanese naval spokesman said to-day. Mines abounded in the Yangtze from Wuhu as far down as Wosung.—*Reuter.*

H.M.S. CAPETOWN IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Dec. 24: H.M.S. Capetown arrived at Wosung with nine women, including two expectant mothers, and 15 children, is going on to Hong Kong with other passengers, who included some taken from Nanking. They were transferred to a tender and arrived in Shanghai in safety.—*Reuter.*

Serious Strike In Paris

30,000 WORKERS INVOLVED

Paris, December 24: A new strike movement in Paris which began at the Goodrich Tyre Factory in the suburb of Colombes assumed rather serious proportions last night. About 30,000 to 35,000 men are on strike including workers of three nationalised armament works, namely, two aircraft factories and one motor factory.

The strikes are due to dissensions between employers and employees regarding the renewal of collective contracts. While workers insist on the prolongation of the existing contracts employers demand some modifications.—*Transocean.*



The King will broadcast a message to the Empire from Sandringham to-day.

BRILLIANT BIOGRAPHY OF CHIANG KAI-SHEK

Moulding Of Nation Into A Single, Unified China

GENERALISSIMO'S EARLY LIFE

REVIEWED BY E. R. ELLIS

CHIANG KAI-SHEK, A BIOGRAPHY BY HOLLINGTON K. TONG, TWO VOLUMES, THE PUBLISHING CO.

A biographer who sits down to chronicle the life story of an eminent world personality is faced with many difficulties. His position is different from that of the novelist who is privileged to draw largely on his imagination in the handling of his plot and story. The biographer, on the other hand, has to base his whole story on actual fact, and little or no clemency is allowed him to stray from the true details—details which are so essential were the story to be complete, and which are so difficult to obtain, partly owing to the natural modesty of the subject of the biography and partly because of the difficulty of confirming such facts as have been collected and laying them before the reader in true sequence.

When, however, the life story of a prominent figure in the public eye is closely bound up with the history of the country to which the subject belongs, the author's task becomes even more difficult. He has to assimilate and sift those incidents and details which are so related to each other and then put them down in the form of a gripping story. This, then, is the task which Mr. Hollington K. Tong undertook when he decided to write a biography of the 50 years' life story of that great soldier-statesman of China, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, whom he describes as "the greatest leader the world has ever known."

ONEROUS UNDERTAKING
The author was mindful of the onerous nature of his undertaking and had to seek assistance, advice and collaboration from three others—Mr. F. L. Pratt, a journalist with wide experience of China, Mr. John B. Peniston and Mr. Z. B. Toong. To them Mr. Tong expresses his grateful thanks and in placing his work before the reader, the author asks for indulgence where he and his friends might have allowed mistakes to enter.

During the perusal of the two volumes which cover the life of the Generalissimo up to his fiftieth birthday (this year), one is apt to forget the author and his great

SAFETY OF PORTUGUESE COLONIES

Great Satisfaction In Political Circles

Lisbon, Dec. 24: Great satisfaction regarding the safety of the Portuguese Colonies is felt in Portuguese political circles following the Colonial debate in the House of Commons. The paper "Diário de Manhã" declares that Herr Hitler and the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden, have now given identical assurances that the Portuguese Colonies could never become the object of international dealings. The "Diário de Notícias" says that the Anglo-Portuguese alliance has been given a tonic such as it did not have since the days of Edward VII since Portugal had received from most authoritative British quarters unmistakable proof of British loyalty towards an old ally.—*Transocean.*

HANGCHOW TAKEN?

Shanghai, Dec. 24: Four columns of Japanese troops stormed the main gates of Hangchow and have entered the city, according to Japanese reports.—*Reuter.*



Lieut. (E) Robert L. Chave, R.N., of H.M.S. Regent, photographed with his bride, Mrs. Gloria Monroe, after their wedding at the Registry yesterday afternoon. (Photo, Cheng Studio.)



Showing where one of bombs struck at Hangchow railway station on October 15, 1937.



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Christmas Epilogue

11.12.15 p.m. Relay of Christmas Morning Service from St. John's Cathedral.

12.15 p.m. Interval.

12.30 p.m. Carols and Christmas Musical.

Ring Out, Wild Bells (Fletcher); Good King Wenceslas; The First Nowell; Legend (Christ in His Garden) (Tchaikovsky); Royal Choral Society cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent; Pastoral (from Bach's 'Christmas Oratorio'; arr. Lucas); Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano); Still Night, Holy Night (Gruber); Christmas Hymn (Traditional); Maartje Offers (Contralto); God Rest You Merry Gentlemen; I Saw Three Ships (arr. Stainer); The Holly And The Ivy (arr. Stainer); See Amid The Winter's Snow (arr. Goss); Royal Choral Society.

1 p.m. Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m. Light Orchestral. Christmas Overture (Coleridge-Taylor); Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent; Savoy Christmas Medley (arr. De-broy-Somers); New Mayfair Orchestra; For Your Delight (Serenade) (Eric Coates); Light Symphony Orchestra; Schubert Waltzes (Schubert); Symphony Orchestra cond. by Walter Goehr; At The Tchaikovsky Fountain (Urbach); Marek Weber and His Orch.

1.30 p.m. Reuter and Rugby Press; Local Weather Report and Announcements.

1.40 p.m. Walter Glynn (Tenor). The Valley Where Wishes Come True (Batherley-Elliott); I'll Walk Beside You (Lockton-Murray); Old Rustic Bridge By The Mill (Skelly).

1.50 p.m. Cesar Franck—Symphonic Variations.

Played by Alfred Corti (Piano) and The London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.

2.06 p.m. Alfredo and His Orchestra with Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

Old Bohemian Town (Marsden and Kennedy); Carla Mia (Sleiver and Prisker); Orchestra; The Silver Patrol (from same); So It Goes On (Swing is in the Air); Red, White and Blue (Swing is in the Air); Peter Dawson; Russian Gipsy Sketch (Ferraris); Gipsy Caprice (Ferraris); Wanderlust; Waltz (Smith); Orchestra.

2.30 p.m. Close down.

4-7 p.m. Chinese Programme.

7 p.m. Variety.

Organ—An Organist's Yuletide—Quentin M. Maclean; Vocal—Sea Winds (Askew-Harrison) Full Sail (Graves-Buck); Peter Dawson (Bass - Baritone); Orchestra—Nights At The Ballet—Symphony Orchestra Cond. Walter Goehr; Once I Had A Dear Mother; The Sun Is In Love With The Moon; The Acacia Blossoms Twice; More Stars Than There Are In The Sky—Magyar Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

7.30 p.m. Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.

Trouble In Paradise (Wever, Ager and Schwartz); Yvonne (Nicholls); The Land Of Smiles (Lehar); You Are My Heart's Delight, Patiently Smiling; Gipsy Moon (Borgano); 7.45 p.m. Sea Shanties and Choruses.

The Sailor Likes His Bottle—O. Clear The Track Let The Bulging Run; Sally Brown; Hanging Johnny; Whisky Johnny (arr. Terry); One More Day; On The Banks Of Sacramento (arr. Harris); A Dollar And A Half A Day; The Hog's Eye Man (arr. Terry); Storm Along; Roll The Wood-Pile Down (arr. Harris); John Goss (Baritone) and Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.

8 p.m. Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. Military Bands.

'Review Of The Troops'—Band of H.M. Welsh Guards; Entry Of The Boyars—March (Halvorsen, arr. Winterbottom); Swastika March (Klohr)—The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards; Belphegor—March (Brepant); Wellington—March (Zehle)—Massed Military Bands.

8.23 p.m. Grand Variety.

Novelty—Peter Dawson's Christmas Party; Peter Dawson and His Friends; Humorous—Joe Murgatroyd's Letter (J. Henry)—John Henry and Blossom; Vocal—Old Song Memories—Westminster Ballad Singers; Piano—Words And Music—Medley—Rale Da Costa; Vocal—Billy Merson Memories—Billy Merson and Chorus; Comedienne—The Wind's In The West. My Wild Oat (from 'Aunt Sally')—Cicely Courtneidge; Organ—Medley—Robinson Cleaver; Humorous—Another Day's Broadcasting—Clapham and Dwyer; Vocal—Birdie Out

AT CENTRAL

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11.15 p.m. Vronsky and Babin (Two Pianos).

Suite No. 2 For Two Pianos, Op. 17 (Rachmaninoff); Waltz From Suite For Two Pianos, Op. 15 (Arensky).

11.40 p.m. Christmas Epilogue by the Bishop of Hong Kong.

12 midnight: Close down.

SUNDAY

SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS REGIMENTAL BAND

Lindsay LaFord
11 noon to 12.15 p.m. Relay of Morning Service from St. John's Cathedral.

12.15 p.m. Saint-Saens Compositions.

Concerto in G Minor, Op. 22—Arthur De Greef (Piano) and New Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Landon Ronald. Softly awakes my heart ("Samson and Dalila")—Maria Olczewska (Contralto). Introduction Et Rondo Capriccioso, Op. 28—Renée Chemet (Violin) with piano accomp. by Harold Craxton. Danse Macabre—Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia.

1 p.m. Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m. Light Orchestral Selections.

Polonaise Militaire in A Major (Chopin, arr. Glazunov); Waltz (from "The Sleeping Beauty") Ballet, Op. 66, (Tchaikovsky)—Boston Promenade Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fielder. "Calph of Bagdad"—Overture (Boieldieu)—Berlin State Opera Orchestra cond. by Clemens Schmalstich. Les Saltimbanques—Overture (Louis Ganne)—Orchestre Symphonique Du Lutetia Wagram cond. by Fernand Heurteur. Old Friends—Potpourri (arr. Herman Finck)—Tom Jones and his Orchestra.

1.30 p.m. Reuter and Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast, and Announcements.

1.40 p.m. Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

Bist Du Bei Mir (Bach). Ave Maria (Schubert). On Wings of Song (Heine-Mendelssohn); Sphärenklänge (Knepler)—J. Strauss, arr. Mittler.

1.50 p.m. Schubert—Trio No. 1 in B Flat, Op. 99.

Played by Cortot, Thibaud and Casals (Instrumental Trio).

2.30 p.m. Close down.

4 to 7 p.m. Chinese Programme.

7 p.m. Beethoven—Quartet in C Sharp Minor, Op. 131.

Played by the Busch Quartet.

7.40 p.m. Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano).

Creation's Hymn (Gellert-Beethoven—Op. 48, No. 4); I Love Thee (Herrosen-Beethoven)—Piano accomp. by Edwin McArthur.

7.46 p.m. Studio—Maria Barreto at the Piano.

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8.40 p.m. B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.

Prelude "The Kingdom," Op. 51 (Elgar); Overture "Masaniello" (Auber).

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9.10 p.m. Relay of the Regimental Band of the 1st Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders.

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R.E.O.C.A. TO HOLD DANCE

The Royal Engineers Old Comrades' Association are holding a Fancy Dress and Carnival Dance at the Peninsula Hotel, on Monday, December 27, dancing from 8.30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Music will be provided by the Band of the 1st Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders, (by kind permission of Major. Wolfe-Murray, D.S.O., M.C., and Officers).

Prizes will be given for:—

1. The best dressed lady. The best dressed gentleman.

2. The most original lady. The most original gentleman.

3. The best dressed couple. There will be carnival novelties and spot prizes.

Mrs. L. C. Reid, the wife of Chairman, Lt. Col. L. C. Reid M.B.E., M.C., R.E., together with a committee of R.E. Ladies, have kindly consented to judge the fancy dress costumes at 11 p.m.

The cast of the Y.M.C.A. Pantomime are attending after their performance, which will add to the gaiety of the evening.

Tables may be reserved on application to the Secretary, Tel. Military, Kowloon 25, or the Hotel, Tel. 58081, at the usual rates, which includes refreshments.

Late ferry arranged. Tickets from dance committee.

THEFT OF MEDICAL GOODS

Yeung Wai, 27, store coolie employed by the Royal Naval Hospital, appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday on two charges of larceny from his employers. The first charge was in respect of a large quantity of medical and other supplies, and the second of two empty bottles and a pair of scissors. Sentence of four weeks' hard labour on each charge, consecutively, was passed.

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PILOTS

FLYING SPECIALISTS

Reversal Of Service Tradition

The day when the pilot of the Royal Air Force might be required to fly any type of aeroplane used in the Service is over. During the past few months a new system, designed to produce specialist pilots, has been in operation. Its broad effect is to determine a pupil's future at an early stage in his flying training and to abolish the tradition that every officer should be fit to serve in any type of unit. Officers now in training will not only be labelled for the rest of their Service careers, but they may be allotted permanently to particular squadrons.

The older system could not have been abandoned while the Force was maintained at so low a strength as it was between the end of the War and the beginning of 1935; it is doubtful whether the system could have been preserved with efficiency when the fast and rather complicated aeroplanes of to-day came into general use. Hence the change which marks a reversal of established custom and which promises partly to meet the longstanding criticism that in the R.A.F. there might be esprit de corps, but there could not be the equivalent of regimental pride. The pilot, trained for duties in all types of aircraft, could not expect to serve for any length of time with any one squadron and could not come to regard any squadron as especially his own.

SPECIAL APITUDES

The method now is to specify the numbers of pilots of the various classes which the flying training schools must supply. The schools in their turn look for special aptitudes in their pupils and proceed to earmark the trainees for fighter, bomber, Army cooperation, general reconnaissance, and torpedo-bomber duties. The subsequent training is influenced by this selection and the pilots are passed on to the appropriate units with a fair knowledge of the aircraft those units use and of the general work of the squadrons to which they are allotted. Once posted, a pilot may expect to remain in the same squadron for at least three years.

For those officers who take short-service commissions—at present about half the total of serving officers—the system should secure stability throughout the period of their service with the Colours. They spend the first year in training and only three years are left for service with a squadron before they are transferred to the Reserve. Officers with permanent commissions cannot be quite so conveniently disposed, though they too become specialist pilots in the early part of their service. The further specialization which is normally required of them tends to give a new direction to their work at the end of about two years with a squadron. They are likely then to take specialist courses in subjects like navigation or signalling. They become eligible also for promotion.

Such influences and the length of their service conspire to prevent their remaining inflexibly in the squadrons to which they were first posted or in the same type of squadron, and as higher ranks are reached the older system of experience with all types of aircraft may expect to reassert itself. "Times."

ILL-TREATING A BABY

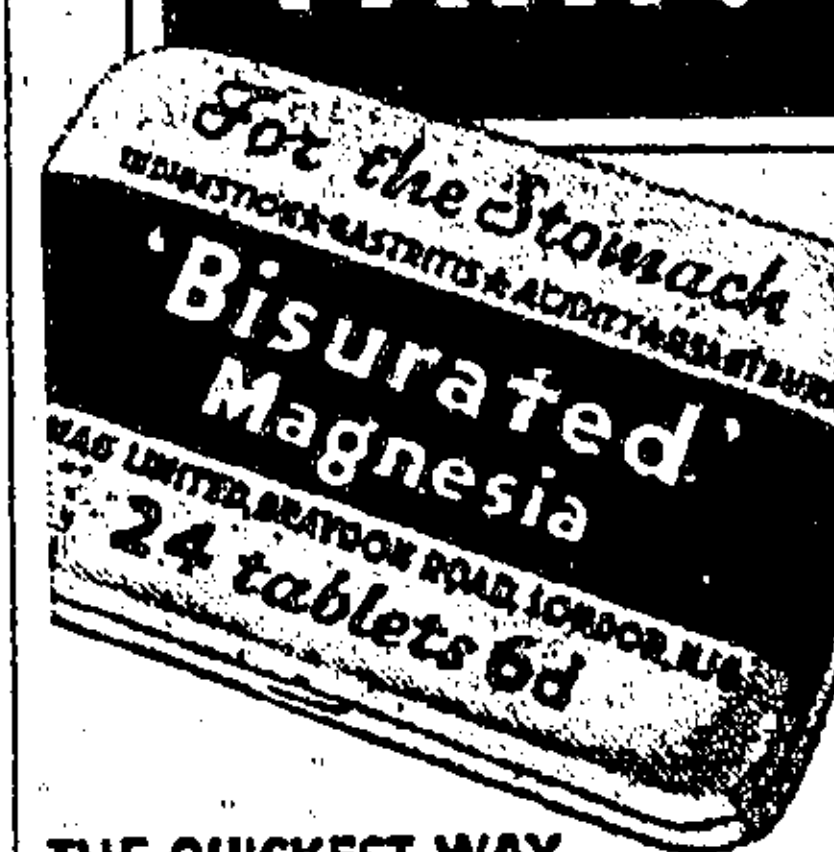
Medical evidence was given at the Kowloon Police Court before Mr. K. Keen in connection with the ill-treatment of a ten-months old infant, by a coolie, Wong Tak-chuen, residing at No. 31, Woo Sung Street, 1st floor.

Dr. C. S. Wei, medical officer of the Kowloon Hospital said that he examined the child brought in to the hospital by the S.C.A. and he found bruises on the forehead and burn marks on the side of the face.

Mr. H. W. Fraser of the S.C.A. at the previous hearing told the Court that acting on an anonymous letter sent to him he visited defendant's address and found a woman, named Li King, lying on a bed smoking opium. Beside her was the child which had the appearance of being under fed and the face and other parts of the body were covered with bruises.

Li King was also arrested and jointly charged, she had since absconded from her address. The case was adjourned till December 31.

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AGED WOMAN ATTACKED

A particularly cowardly attack on an aged woman whom, according to the alleged miscreant's own story, he had known for years, was described at the Central Magistracy yesterday when Lau Hon, 43, was brought before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest in a committal case, charged with robbery with violence from the person of Wu Choy, a 74-year old woman doctor.

Detective Sub-Inspector W. N. Darkin prosecuting, said on August 29, complainant was returning to her home at No. 303 Hennessy Road with her grandson when defendant, whom she knew by sight, came to her and asked her to go with him to see a patient. She went with him to No. 276 Hennessy Road and when they came to the first floor defendant whistled into a crack in the door. Complainant told him the correct thing to do to gain admission was to knock.

Accused thereupon pulled a packet of pepper from his pocket and applied it to complainant's mouth. He pushed her and took a ring from her finger. Complainant fell to the floor and fainted.

Medical evidence was given by Dr. P. F. S. Court, and evidence of an identification parade by Mr. F. W. Shaftain, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence. Complainant then told her story, and after further evidence the case was adjourned.

PARKING OFFENCE

L. A. Carvalho of No. 2, United Terrace, appeared before Mr. K. Keen at the Kowloon Police Court yesterday on a summons for parking his motor cycle in a street prohibited for parking on December 12. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$2.

Li King was also arrested and jointly charged, she had since absconded from her address. The case was adjourned till December 31.

PAGE FOR THE CHURCHES

CATHOLIC NEWS AND NOTES

CHRISTMAS

Though the celebration of Christmas as a family festival and a time of general revelry is comparatively modern—Dickens gave it such an impetus that he is sometimes said to have "invented" Christmas—the joyful celebration of the occasion as a religious festival existed in the Catholic Church for a very long time. In fact the joyous character of the feast is completely of religious origin, for this note is more prominent in the music and ceremonies and prayers of the time than at any other time of the year except Easter. The first celebration of the feast which is on record took place in the fourth century. The actual day was chosen because that day was already a holiday in Western pagan times, and it was the practice to fix the important religious festivals on these days. The particular feast which Christmas supplanted was that of that "Unconquered Sun," an encouraging feast in the time of the winter solstice. The earlier celebration of the Birth of Christ was confined to the Epiphany, which is now on the 6th January. This commemorates the coming of the Three Wise Men, and the occasion is taken to represent the first contact between Christ and the nations beyond Palestine. Many of the traditional customs connected with the Christmas period are of pre-Christian origin and belonged to various festivities associated with the January Kalends. The Christmas tree, which is of German origin, cannot be traced back further than the 17th century. It is less than a century since it was introduced into England.

CATHOLIC CHURCH CEREMONIES

The most distinctive Catholic Church ceremony of Christmas is Midnight Mass. The celebration of Mass at midnight on Christmas Eve is not universal, but it extends to Hong Kong, and the occasion always finds the local churches thronged with worshippers. Each priest may celebrate Mass three times on Christmas Day. The three are said to honour respectively the temporal birth of Christ, His spiritual birth in the souls by Divine Grace, and the eternal Sonship of Christ as Son of God the Father. Each Mass, however, recalls these three aspects of the Nativity, and it would be more correct to say that in the first Mass Christ is honoured as the "Light of the World," in the second as the "Prince of Peace," and in the third as "Son of God" and the bearer to men of tidings of their adoption as sons of God.

The origin of these three masses is historical. At first, the only Mass connected with the feast was celebrated at midnight at the Church of St. Mary Major in Rome, where a relic of the manger of Bethlehem is preserved. This was celebrated at midnight because, as always was done in the case of the important feasts, a vigil of prayer lasting through the night preceded the feast and it was permissible to say Mass as soon as the day began. As Mass was said by the Pope in one of the chief churches in Rome on all great feasts, it was said by him on this day at St. Peter's. Then, as it happened that December 25 was also the feast of St. Anastasia, a martyr of the country that we now call Yugoslavia, who was the patron of the chapel in the Imperial Palace, it became customary for the Pope to celebrate Mass there also. Eventually the Pope celebrated all three Masses, and by the sixth century a similar privilege was extended to all priests.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

The hymn most closely associated with Christmas is the "Adeste Fideles," (O Come All Ye Faithful). It is not a liturgical hymn, that is, it does not form any regular part of the prayers of the Mass or Divine Office, but it is sung throughout the Church. It belongs to the eighteenth century and the author is unknown. There are over forty translations in English, the one most commonly used being that of Canon Oakeley, a Fellow of Balliol, who followed Newman into the Catholic Church.

The "Gloria in Excelsis," which has inspired some of the finest music in the great "Masses," though now a regular part of the Mass throughout most of the year,

EMMANUEL MISSION CHURCH

The following are the Services for the week at Emmanuel Mission Church, 218 Nathan Road, Kowloon:

Saturday, 11 a.m. Christmas Service. No Saturday Evening Service.
Sunday, 11 a.m. Divine Service.
Sunday, 3 p.m. Sunday School.
Young Women's Bible Class. Young Men's Bible Class.
Sunday, 8 p.m. Song Service conducted by Rev. H. H. Bucher.
Sunday, 8.30 p.m. Gospel Service.
Monday, 8 p.m. S.A.C.A. Blackboard Meeting.

Tuesday, 5.30 p.m. Quarterly Meeting of the Kwangtung and Hong Kong Branch of the Bible Union of China. Speaker, Rev. S. E. Boyle.

Tuesday, 8 p.m. Young People's Club.

Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. Ladies Sewing Circle at 1, Canton Villas, Observatory Road.

Wednesday, 6 p.m. Sunday School Teachers' Preparation.

Wednesday, 8 p.m. Praise and Prayer Meeting.

Thursday, 10.30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study Circle at No. 216B Nathan Road. This is open to all ladies in the colony, who are interested in the Bible.

Thursday, 8 p.m. Bible Study Circle for men, conducted by Mr. James Braga.

Friday, 8 p.m. Bible Study Circle conducted by Mr. C. R. Joneson, 3 United Terrace, Ho Man Tin St. (Top floor).

Friday, 11.15 p.m. Watchnight Service.

The Services are open to all. No Collection on Sunday Evening.

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TO-NIGHT: MIDNIGHT CHORAL EUCHARIST

The following are the Services for Christmas:

Dec. 24, Christmas Eve
11.00 p.m. Congregational Carol Singing.

11.30 p.m. Choral Eucharist Preacher: Rev. D. Rosenthal.

Dec. 25, Christmas Day

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

10.00 a.m. Children's Service.

N.B. At this service children will offer their Christmas presents to Jesus.

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

Sunday, Dec. 26, St. Stephen's Day

7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.

9.00 a.m. Matins and Sermon.

8.30 p.m. Festal Evensong.

Monday, Dec. 27, St. John's Day.

Holy Communion at 7.15 a.m.

was originally said, and sung, only in the Christmas Eve midnight Mass at St. Mary Major's. The prayer itself is founded on the words which the shepherds heard sung by angels on the first Christmas night.

The Christmas Carols took their name from a word that designated a mediaeval dance accompanied by singing. The use of the name to describe a semi-sacred song connected with a festival came in gradually, and finally carols became associated, chiefly with Christmas. It is because they were originally sung near the crib that so many of them are of the lullaby type.

THE CHRISTMAS CRIB

Much of the art and popular music of Christmas is associated with the Christmas Crib, the representation of the manger scene of the birth of Christ. Though this custom of portraying the Nativity in graphic form is said to have originated with St. Francis of Assisi, when he set up a Crib at Greccio in 1223, there are indications that it existed before.

Closely connected with the idea of representing the scene of the Nativity in statues is that of representing it in the form of a play. This preceded the Crib by many generations and the custom has been revived with considerable success in modern time. One of the most remarkable examples was the "play within a play" in Cicely Hamilton's "The Child in Flanders," which appeared in London shortly after the war and was afterwards made into a very successful film.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Christmas Eve.
5.30 p.m.—Choral Evensong.
Christmas Day.
8.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Peak Church).
8.00 a.m. Choral Eucharist.
10.00 a.m. Children's Service.
11.00 a.m. Festal Matins and Sermon.
Preacher: The Bishop.
12.15 p.m. Holy Communion.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

KOWLOON (Church of England) CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL SERVICES

Saturday, December 25th. Christmas Day.

Holy Communion 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 12 noon.

Christmas Day Festival Service 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Vicar.

Sunday, December 26th. First Sunday after Christmas.

St. Stephen's Day.

Holy Communion 8 a.m.

Matins and Address 11 a.m.

Preacher: Bishop Hambleker.

Evensong and Address 6.15 p.m.

Preacher: The Vicar.

Primary Sunday School meets in the Hall at 10 a.m.

Young Peoples' Service in the Church at 10 a.m.

Monday, December 27th. Fellowship of Youth 6 p.m.

Teachers' Preparation class, 7 p.m.

St. Andrew's Club 9 p.m.

Tuesday, December 28th. Mothers' Union 3 p.m.

"Brownie Pack" at 3.30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 29th. Medical War Working Party 10 a.m.

Wolf Cubs 5.30 p.m.

Rover Scouts, 8.45 p.m.

Thursday, December 30th. Women's Fellowship 3 p.m.

St. Andrew's Boy Scouts, (1st. Kowloon) 6 p.m.

St. Andrew's Club 9 p.m.

Friday, December 31st. Medical War Working Party in the Hall at 10 a.m.

Full Choir Practice 6.30 p.m.

Watchnight Service 11.30 p.m.

KOWLOON UNION CHURCH

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Day Service.

Saturday, 11 a.m.

Sunday Services:

11 a.m. Preacher Rev. Frank Short.

6.30 p.m. Preacher Rev. J. D. MacLean.

12 noon Holy Communion.

Week's announcements:—

There will be no meeting of the Women's Guild this week.

Sunday School Christmas Party.

Tuesday 28th, at 3 p.m.

The Choir Practice will not be held this week.

FUTURE OF ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Dr. Amigo's Fears

A grave situation has arisen with regard to the future of Roman Catholic elementary schools in the diocese of Southwark. This statement was made by Dr. Amigo, Roman Catholic Bishop of Southwark in a letter to his clergy, read in all the churches of the diocese recently.

Dr. Amigo announced that the Catholic Hierarchy had decided to make November 28 a special day of intercession throughout England and Wales for Catholic schools. In future, he pointed out, all children in elementary schools were intended to proceed to Central or Senior schools after the age of 11 years. Consequently existing Roman Catholic schools in the Southwark diocese and elsewhere might become junior schools available only for children up to 11 years of age.

"To secure Catholic training for them it would be necessary to build schools for children between 11 and 15 years of age at very considerable expense, even if the London education authorities granted them 75 per cent. of the cost," Dr. Amigo declared.

ENGLISH METHODIST CHURCH

HONG KONG (ENGLISH) CIRCUIT

Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong (opposite Royal Naval Hospital).

Christmas Services, Sunday, 26th December, 1937. Preacher: Morning Rev. J. E. Sandbach Evening, Rev. Frank Evison.

Morning Parade Service at 10.15 at the English Methodist Church:—

Hymn No. 118, Prayer, The Lord's Prayer, Hymn No. 117, 1st Lesson.

Hymn No. 122, 2nd Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Hymn No. 130, Sermon, Hymn No. 910, Benediction.

Evening Service at 7 p.m. at the English Methodist Church:—

Hymn No. 139, Prayer, Hymn No. 119, Lesson, Prayer, Notice, Hymn No. 132, Sermon, Hymn No. 834, Benediction.

Notices for the Week

Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at 8.15 p.m.

Refreshments are provided at minimum charges; all Servicemen are warmly welcomed.

The Monthly meeting of the General Committee will be held at the "S. and S. Home" on Wednesday, December 29th at 5.30 p.m., in the Assembly Hall.

There will be no Badminton next week owing to the Assembly Hall being decorated for the Christmas New Year Season.

Will all friends make a note of the date of our next Dance at the Home on January 7th.

A Carol Service will be held on Christmas Day, December 26th, at 10.15 a.m. Preacher: Rev. J. E. Sandbach. The Church will be suitably decorated.

Hymn No. 120, Prayer, Lord's Prayer, Hymn No. 117, 1st Lesson.

In No. 118, 2nd Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Hymn No. 880, Sermon, Hymn No. 133, Benediction.

ST. TERESA'S CHURCH

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

24th Dec. Friday, Abstinence and Fast, 6 p.m. Solemn Novena.

Midnight: Solemn High Mass, Music by the Little Flower Choir, conducted by Prof. Gualdi and Prof. Pellegratti.

25th Dec. Christmas Day: Holy Masses at 7.30, 8, 9, 9.30 and 10 a.m.

26th Dec. Sunday: Holy Masses at 7, 8, and 9.30 a.m.

13th Dec. at 6 p.m. Thanksgiving Service, with Sermon, Te Deum and Benediction.

There will be a short Devotional Service in the Church on Christmas Day at 10.30 a.m.

Sunday, December 26th. Morning Service 10.30 a.m. Evening Service 8 p.m.

Preacher at both services, Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow.

The S.A.C.A. meets in the Church Hall on Tuesday evening at 7.30 a.m.

There will be a meeting of the Christian Fellowship in the Helena May Institute on Friday 31st. December, at 10.30 a.m.

MAN MAY BECOME A "LIMITED IMMORTAL," SAYS BISHOP

Speculations on why we grow old, and the possibility that, through science, man might achieve a limited immortality, were made by the Bishop of Birmingham (Dr. E. W. Barnes) at the dinner of the British Association of Chemists at Birmingham.

Dr. Barnes referred to the progress made in chemistry and metallurgy during the last 200 years, and said that this gave us some hint as to what might happen as the years go by if we get any continuity of development.

"Of course," he said, "if we are to have a series of destructive wars, then the progress of knowledge most certainly will come to an end. Already on the Continent there is nothing like that opportunity or enthusiasm for pure knowledge that existed in the years before the war, and if we get another catastrophe you will have the beginning of a degeneration which will end the domain of religion and science."

"But we can hope that European man will prove sensible, that having once gone over the precipice he will take care that the more dangerous precipices which lie ahead are avoided, and even make such an application of your science to the ways in which the human organism works that we shall get advances in medicine which have been indicated by speakers to-night."

"What would we not give to understand why it is that we grow old, why it is that the arteries harden and the lungs lose their old resilience?"

"It seems to be something in the nature of things, and maybe by some combination of ultimates in physics and chemistry man will learn how to modify the onset of time so far as this affects his own frame, and even, if ever that time comes and we achieve something like a limited immortality—for I doubt if ever more than that will be allowed—then it may be we shall begin to understand the

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

The following are the forthcoming services at the Catholic Cathedral, Caine Road.

December 26th—Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, St. Stephen Protomartyr.

Morning Services:—

1st. Mass at 6 with sermon in Chinese.

2nd Mass at 8 with sermon in English.

3rd Mass at 10.30 with sermon in English.

Evening Services:—

At 2.30—Religious Instruction to Young People.

At 3.30—Catechetical Instruction for Adults.

At 4—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—Recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction.

December 27th—St. John Apostle and Evangelist.

December 28th—The Holy Innocents.

December 29th—St. Thomas Becket Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr.

From to-day and on the following two days there is Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and at 5.30 p.m. sermon.

The faithful are earnestly exhorted to pray for peace.

December 31st—St. Sylvester, Pope.

At 5.30: Sermon, Te Deum and Benediction.

At 11 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till midnight.

Saturday—1st. January—1938—The Circumcision of Our Lord.

Masses as on Sundays.

After 8 o'clock Mass there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

On week days Mass at 6 and 7.30. Confessions morning and evening.

UNION CHURCH NOTICES

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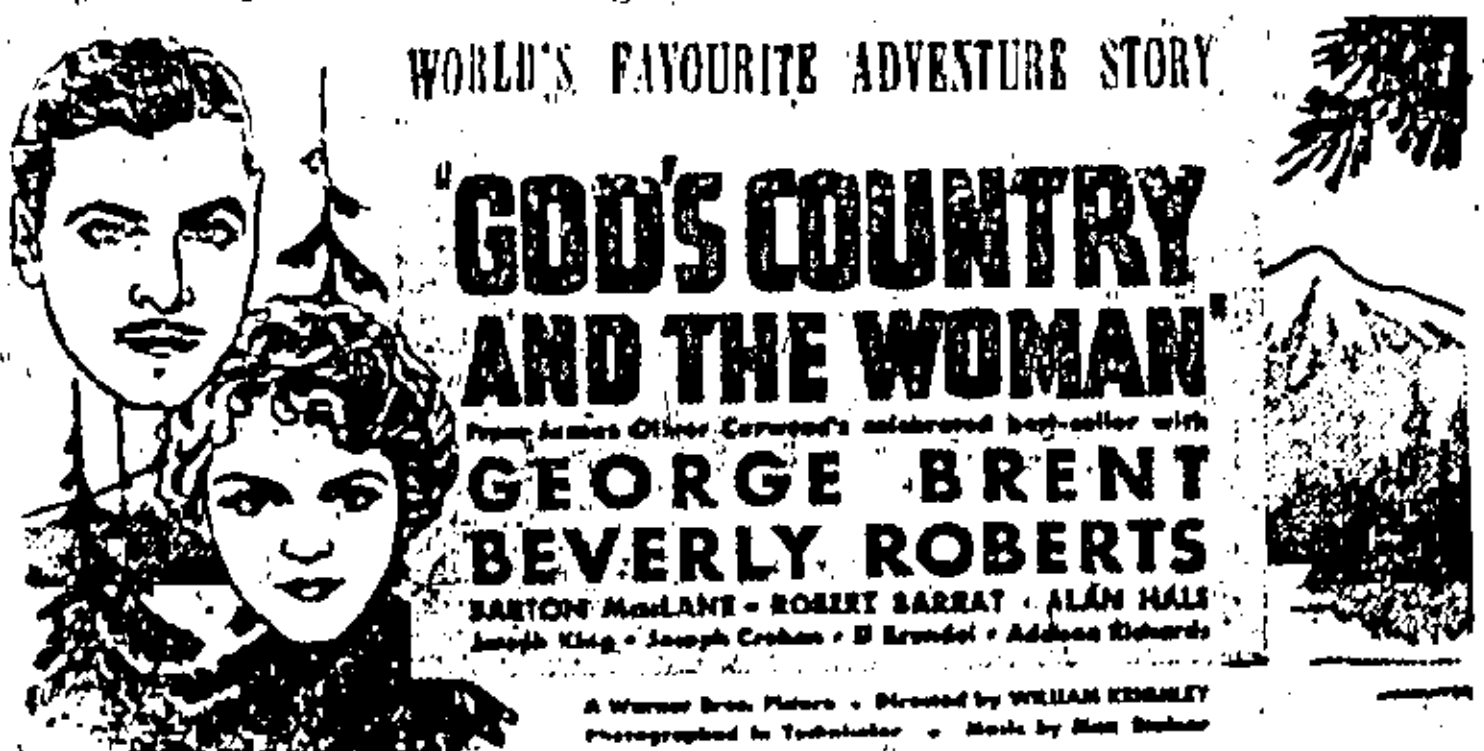
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ALL BABA GOES TO TOWN

Fun-making Eddie Cantor and hit-making Twentieth Century-Fox have combined their talents for the first time and really go to town as the comedy king of screen and radio stars in the most hilarious, extra-glorious entertainment either have ever made. "All Baba Goes to Town," featuring Tony Martin, Roland Young, June Lang, Louise Hovick and a tremendous cast, which is on today at the King's Theatre.

BAXTER-BENNETT

Warner Baxter and Joan Bennett will be seen for the first time in Technicolor in "Walter Wanger's Vogues of 1938," the spectacular musical comedy which begins a three days' engagement at the Majestic Theatre to-day.

TO-DAY AT THE CINEMA

Hong Kong

KING'S:—
"All Baba Goes To Town"
QUEEN'S:—
"Varsity Show"
ORIENTAL:—
"Captains Courageous"

Kowloon

ALHAMBRA:—
"Make A Wish"
STAR:—
"Morocco"
MAJESTIC:—
"Vogues of 1938"

Sunday

KING'S:—
"All Baba Goes To Town"
QUEEN'S:—
"Varsity Show"
ORIENTAL:—
"God's Country And The Woman"
ALHAMBRA:—
"Make A Wish"
STAR:—
"Seventh Heaven"
MAJESTIC:—
"Vogues of 1938"

VARSITY SHOW

Quite the brightest spot in Hollywood last summer was the enormous Stage 7 at Warner Bros. studio where youth, pep and frivolity held forth. It was there that scenes for the pretentious new musical, "Varsity Show," starring Dick Powell and Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians, were being filmed with merry abandon.

This is the picture that opens at the Queen's Theatre to-day. More than an All-American college picture is "Varsity Show"; it typifies the international college youth; for representatives of the leading colleges of the world appeared in the cast and production crew.

The scenes they filmed were of a prom at good old Winfield College, which supposedly exists somewhere in Pennsylvania. On the dance floor were nearly 200 boys and girls from the University of Southern California. They were the members of the SC Varsity Club, who recently put on their third annual show "It's Come to This."

Included among the students were a number of football stars including Gil Kuhn, 1936 varsity captain and president of the S.C. Varsity Club, Glenn Calvin, Red Morgan, Ed Kuntz, Bill Radovich, Coy Dunn, Phil Duboski, Miles Norton, Jack Clark and Eddie Stevenson.

MAKE A WISH

In the principal role, Bobby is altogether delightful. His songs, written for the most part by the famous Viennese composer, Oscar Straus, are melodious and beautifully sung, and his acting leaves nothing to be desired. One wonders why Basil Rathbone has for so long been condemned to a succession of villainous roles, since he emerges here as one of the most engaging romantic actors of recent years.

In the leading feminine role opposite him, definite promise of future screen greatness is seen in the performance of Marion Claire, radio star, who makes her film debut in this picture. To mention the good work of every deserving member of the large cast would be impossible, but Henry Armetta stands out in his role, as do Ralph Forbes, Leon Errol, Leonid Kinskey, Donald Meek, Herbert Rawlinson and others.

The picture is an adaptation of Gertrude Berg's original story, which finds both Rathbone and Forbes in love with the beautiful Miss Claire, and with Bobby, her young son, inadvertently cast in the role of matchmaker. This situation leads to intense drama, which is relieved at times by genuinely humorous comedy sequences. A musical atmosphere pervades the story, since Rathbone is presented as a composer and both Bobby and Miss Claire as singers.

"Make A Wish" opens at the Alhambra Theatre to-day.

"1938" was directed by Irving Cummings for release through United Artists.

4D. FRAUDS BY RICH MAN

Avoiding Fare On Underground

Samuel Harris, of Hamilton-road, Golders Green, said to be the owner of a number of tobacco kiosks and well-to-do, was convicted at the London Mansion House of travelling on the Underground with intent to cheat the London Passenger Transport Board of part of his fare. He pleaded guilty.

"This can only be regarded as a very bad case," said Mr. H. Ricketts, prosecuting. "Not only has the defendant cheated the Board over a period, but his crafty lies gave an immense amount of trouble. Officials of the Board investigated certain statements he made, only to find they were untrue."

Mr. Ricketts said that Harris travelled twice from Golders Green to the Bank without paying any fare, and as he passed the ticket collector he produced 2d, saying, "From the Angel." His proper fare was 5d.

When stopped he asserted that he had lost his ticket, and as he did not see why he should pay twice, he had offered 2d to get past the collector.

A solicitor appearing for Harris confessed that it was impossible to explain his conduct. He was not in want of money. It might be urged in mitigation that when he was at last found out he gave a correct address.

The Lord Mayor: I do not see anything in that in the man's favour. If he were to pick my pocket and then turn round and give me his correct name and address, I do not think that would satisfy me. There is not a redeeming feature in the case.

He fined Harris 40s. for each offence, with 25 5s costs, 29 5s altogether.

On being asked to give Harris time to pay, the Lord Mayor refused. The money was produced.

K.C. CHALLENGES LORD HAILSHAM

"As Good Men At Bar As Ever"

When the Supreme Court Bill, which provides for the appointment of two more judges to the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division, came up for third reading in the House of Commons recently, Mr. C. Davies, K.C., Nat. Lib. Montgomery, renewed his attack on it.

His main ground, as before, was that divorce work should be given to the King's Bench. He suggested that the Attorney and Solicitor-Generals, as they are not in the Cabinet, are not the authors of the bill. He proceeded to criticise the Lord Chancellor, Viscount Hailsham, with some bitterness.

The Lord Chancellor, in a recent speech, had said that some Members of Parliament thought the appointment of more judges was a panacea, but that in fact the number of lawyers fit to sit on the Bench was very limited.

What right had the Lord Chancellor to say so, he asked. There were as good men at the Bar as ever.

Finally Mr. Davies quoted satirically the song of the Lord Chancellor in "Tolanthe" when he declares of the law:

"It has no single fault or flaw, and I, my Lords, embody the law" Major J. Milner (Leeds, S.E.), from the Socialist side, declared that all practising members of the legal profession would resent the suggestion that those now at the Bar were not as capable of judicial work as any judge on the bench.

The Attorney-General, Sir D. Somervell, however, shunned controversy, and the bill was passed without opposition.

WAR ON BLINDNESS

When the Minister of Health, Sir Kingsley Wood, introduced the Blind Persons Bill earlier he gave an encouraging account of progress in the prevention of blindness and in promoting the welfare of the blind.

The main purpose of the measure is to lower the age at which blind people receive pensions from 50 to 40.

While the blind did not ask for pity, said Sir Kingsley, they had an overwhelming right to a helping hand.

Striking statistics showed that the age at which blindness occurs is becoming progressively later. There are 78,000 blind persons re-

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

SATURDAY DEC. 25

Anniversaries and Holidays.—Christmas Day. Duchess of Gloucester born, 1901. Accession of Emperor of Japan, 1928.

Cinemas.—(See Page 5).

Entertainments.—Salvation Army Home Christmas Tree Party for poor girls at Kowloon Tong.

Malls.—(See Page 16).

Miscellaneous.—Exhibition of Chinese Watercolour paintings at Ch'na Building, 8th floor, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Moon.—XI Moon, 23rd Day.

Religious.—Carol Service at English Methodist Church, Wanchai, 10.15 a.m. St. Andrew's Christmas Festival Service, 11 a.m.

Social.—Christmas Dinner and Party to Boys from H.M. Ships, at S. & S. Home, 6 p.m.

Sports.—(See Page 10).

Sunrise.—7.00 a.m. Sunset.—5.46 p.m.

Tides.—High at 01.27 and 15.24; Low at 08.55 and 22.14.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

Cinemas.—(See Page 5).

Malls.—(See Page 16).

Moon.—XI Moon, 24th Day.

Sports.—(See Page 10).

Sunrise.—7.00 a.m. Sunset.—5.46 p.m.

Tides.—High at 01.27 and 15.24; Low at 08.09 and 20.06.

HANGCHOW CENTRE OF ACTIVITIES

Shanghai, Dec. 23. According to Japanese reports issued from here to-day, the Hangchow area has become the centre of activities and large numbers of Japanese forces are concentrated there.

It is claimed that the Japanese have captured the towns of Fung-pingchiao and Kachakian as well as other strategically important positions situated from 20 to 40 miles to the north-west of Shanghai. Chinese resistance has considerably weakened in this region according to these accounts.

The Japanese military command has advised all foreigners to leave the Hangchow-Shanghai area as it is likely to be included in the war zone.

Transocean News Service.

BURGLARY ATTEMPT FRUSTRATED

Moscow, Dec. 23

An attempt at burgling the German Embassy at Moscow was frustrated at the last minute by the vigilance of one of the night porters. It was reported here to-day. While making his round of the Embassy building last night, he noticed two persons moving at the back of the building in a way which aroused his suspicions. He went out to challenge the intruders but as he approached them one of them drew a revolver and fired. The shot, fortunately, went wide of its mark and the porter returned fire, whereupon the intruders took to their heels.

A search of the Embassy yard revealed that a ladder had been placed in position to enable the would-be burglars to gain access to one of the upper floor windows.

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SERIOUS CLASH IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, Dec. 23

Eleven Arabs were killed in a serious clash which took place to-day between a British military detachment and Arab activists near Tiberias in north Palestine. The British soldiers who were supported by troops on the Trans-Jordan frontier were forced to resort to machine-guns and aeroplanes to repulse the Arab assault. In addition to the eleven Arabs killed, one was taken prisoner. The clash is the most serious that has occurred in Palestine for a considerable period.

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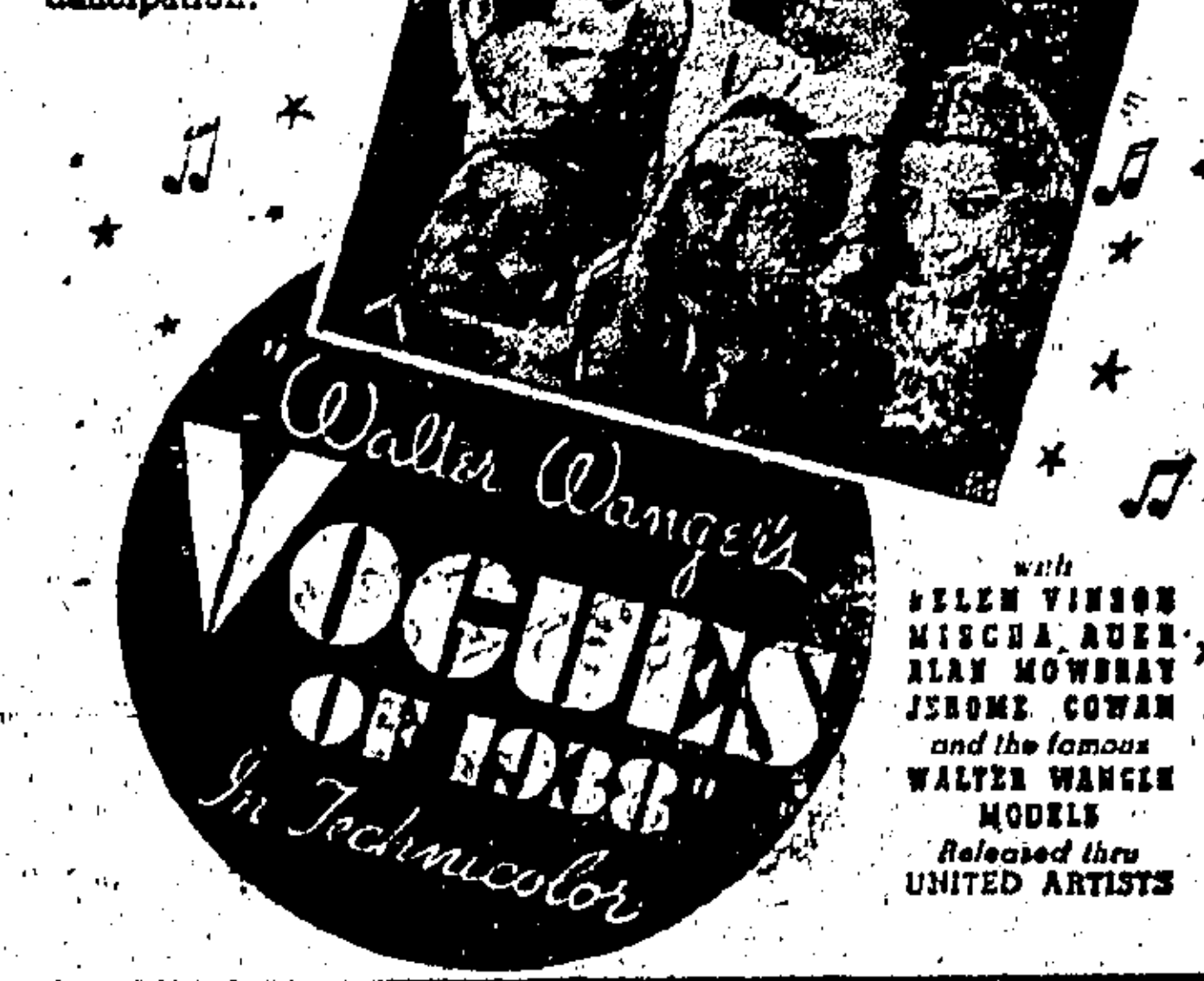
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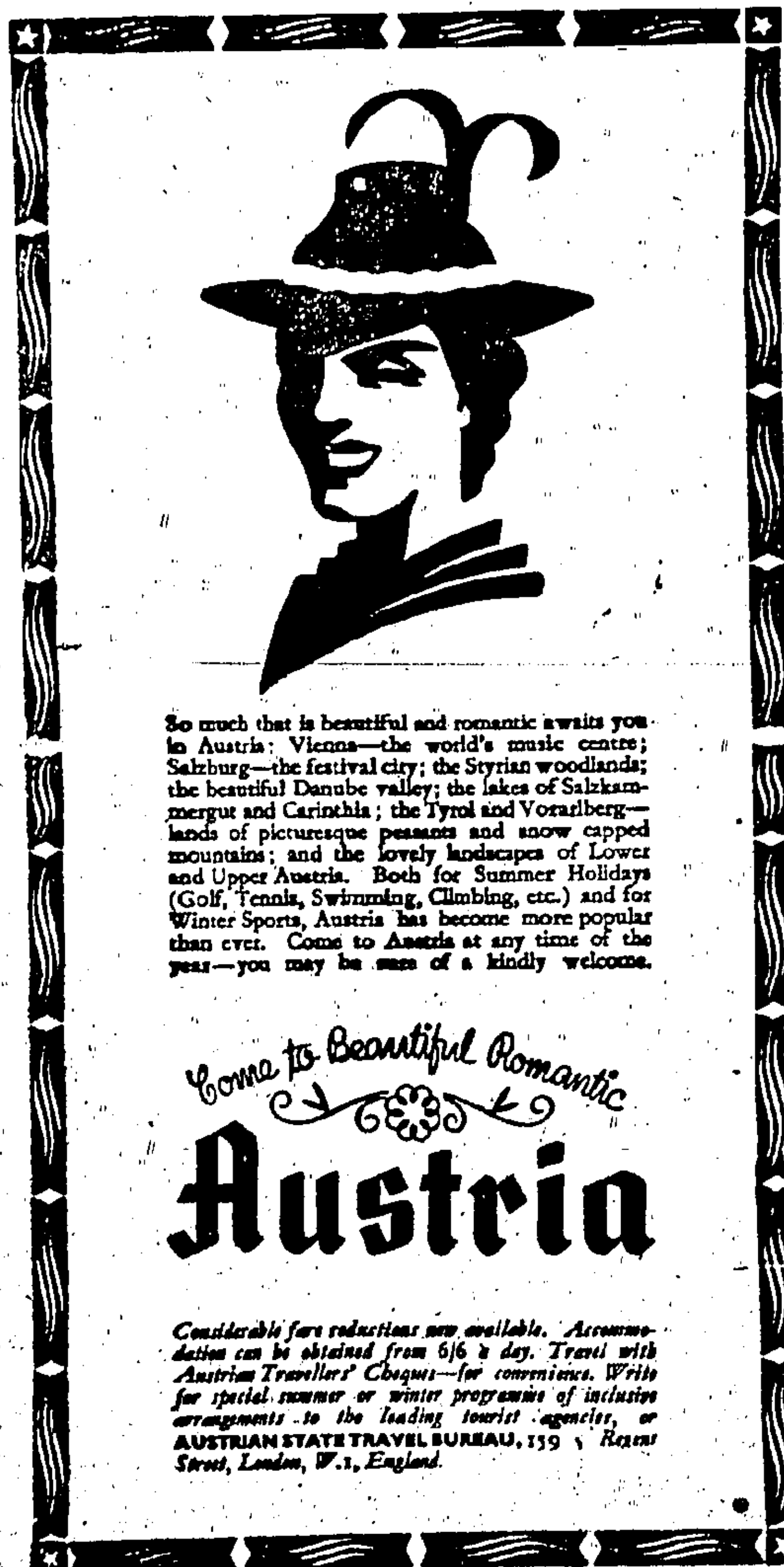
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ATTITUDE OF BRITAIN STIFFENS

London, Dec. 23. All newspapers continue to give prominence to the China news which is now the first topic of public interest. The Government's intentions are a close secret but it is widely believed that the British attitude has been stiffened by recent events. Official circles regard the possibility of a Japanese threat to Canton with reassurance and are of the opinion that Tokyo is concerned by unwieldy commitments in which the army's exuberance has plunged Japan. The Japanese Government is now completely puzzled how to define the country's precise aims in China.—*Reuter.*

JAPAN'S CABINET MEETS

Important Diplomatic Measure
Tokyo, Dec. 23. The Cabinet to-day will consider a "certain important diplomatic measure" the nature of which is not divulged. The measure will later be presented formally to the Privy Council for approval before the year's end. It is rumoured that this measure may be one of two things: the announcement of Manchukuo's accession to the Anti-Comintern Pact or a demand for the revision of the Nine Power Pact.—*Reuter.*

FOUR MEN ADRIFT ON HIGH SEAS

Malta, Dec. 24. The British Fleet tender Olympus picked up four men in an open boat near Malta to-day. The men were from the Norwegian steamer, the propeller of which broke at a place 60 miles off Malta, and drifted within 15 miles from the island before the mate and three seamen took a boat in an attempt to reach the shore, but were unable to land. The steamer is still adrift on the high seas and British destroyers and Naval planes are at present searching for it.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service.*

AMERICA STANDS FIRM

Additional Facts To Add To Protest
Washington, Dec. 24. It is not believed that a fresh note with regard to the bombing of the U.S.S. Panay will be despatched to Japan, but should such new information emerge, it will be forwarded to Mr. Joseph Grew, American Ambassador to Japan, for use of presenting additional facts to the Japanese Government as an addendum to the original protest. The U.S. Government stands firmly on the basis of its original demands.—*Reuter.*

DAILY ATTENTION

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, informed pressmen to-day that the official report of the United States Naval Board's enquiry into the Panay incident had been received, but it raised no new major controversial points. Mr. Hull added that the Japanese Government had indicated it was giving the incident daily attention, but there was still no definite information when the reply might be expected. Mr. Hull stated that he had not discussed with President Roosevelt or the Naval Department the advisability of advancing to February the annual Pacific manoeuvres which were now scheduled for March 14.—*Reuter.*

CHINESE ENVOYS TO CONFER

London, Dec. 23. Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador to London, goes to Paris to-morrow to meet Continental Chinese Ambassadors in a conference in the presence of Mr. Cheng Kung-po, who is now in Europe, and who will afterwards return to China. Colonel Thomas Choi, former Secretary to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, left Southampton to-day for New York on a lecture tour in the United States.—*Reuter.*

SERIOUS THREAT TO HANGCHOW

Menacing Japanese Thrust Towards Famous City

Shanghai, Dec. 24. Adopting again their favourite and highly successful out-flanking strategy, Japanese forces attacking Hangchow are developing a menacing thrust towards the famous city from the direction of the Chekiang and Anhwei border. Moving swiftly from its base on Kwangteh and Szean, a Japanese column is reported to have reached a point only 20 miles north-west of its objective. After capturing Lichi, a small town on the highway from Szean to Xuhang, 15 kilometres west of Hangchow, the Japanese are now building strong defence works around the town, preparatory to establishing it as a forward base for future operations. The Japanese are believed to be planning to strike next at Huanghu, 33 kilometres from Yuhang. From Huanghu the attackers will likely drive on Yuhang. The capture of this latter point would virtually seal the fate of Hangchow as the town controls one of the two highways on which Chinese soldiers can transport supplies and reinforcements.

ADMIT SERIOUSNESS OF THREAT

The Chinese forces believe this new Japanese move is by far the most serious threat to Hangchow, pointing out that the outflanking movement from the Chekiang-Anhwei border, with frontal attacks along the Shanghai-Hangchow railway and the Hangchow-Wuchow and Shanghai-Hangchow highways would increase the difficulty of defending the city.

To counteract the Japanese flanking movement, Chinese mobile units are reported to have been sent to conduct extensive operations in the vicinity of Kwangteh and Szean. At the same time the main body of Chinese troops is also rushing preparations along the Szean-Hangchow highway to stem the advance of the Japanese forces along the road to Yuhang.—*Reuter.*

CHINESE PROGRESS

Hsuehchow, Dec. 24. With crack reinforcements rushed to the front, Chinese forces are advancing southward along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway zone, according to military advices.

One crack unit has already proceeded south of Mingwang, Chiasan and Changpaling and are pressing on the Japanese at Shao-hochi.

Several columns are also moving on towards Chuhsien, strategic Anhwei city, and Chuanchiao.

Another report states that fierce fighting has broken out along the Grand Canal at Kaoyu and Shao-po, north of Yangchow.

The situation around Huaiyin is quiet.—*Central News.*

Following the capture of Taming-fu, 120 miles south of Shihchiachwang, in southern Hopel, the Chinese forces are advancing rapidly on to Kwangping and Chengan, according to a military despatch received here.—*Central News.*

DISSENSION IN JAPANESE ARMY COMMAND

Hankow, Dec. 24. A report filed to the "New York Times" by its China correspondent, Mr. Hallet Abend, and published in Wednesday's edition of the "Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury," reveals that there is serious dissension in the ranks of the Japanese army now fighting in China.

The New York report declared that the bombing of the U.S.S. Panay off Honsien, 28 miles up river from Nanking, was a pre-meditated plan of the younger officers of the Japanese army headed by Col. Hashimoto, commanding officer in charge of the forces in the Wuhu area.

Col. Hashimoto, according to the correspondent, was one of the leaders of the February 28 coup in Tokyo. He was dismissed from office, but re-enlisted following the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities.

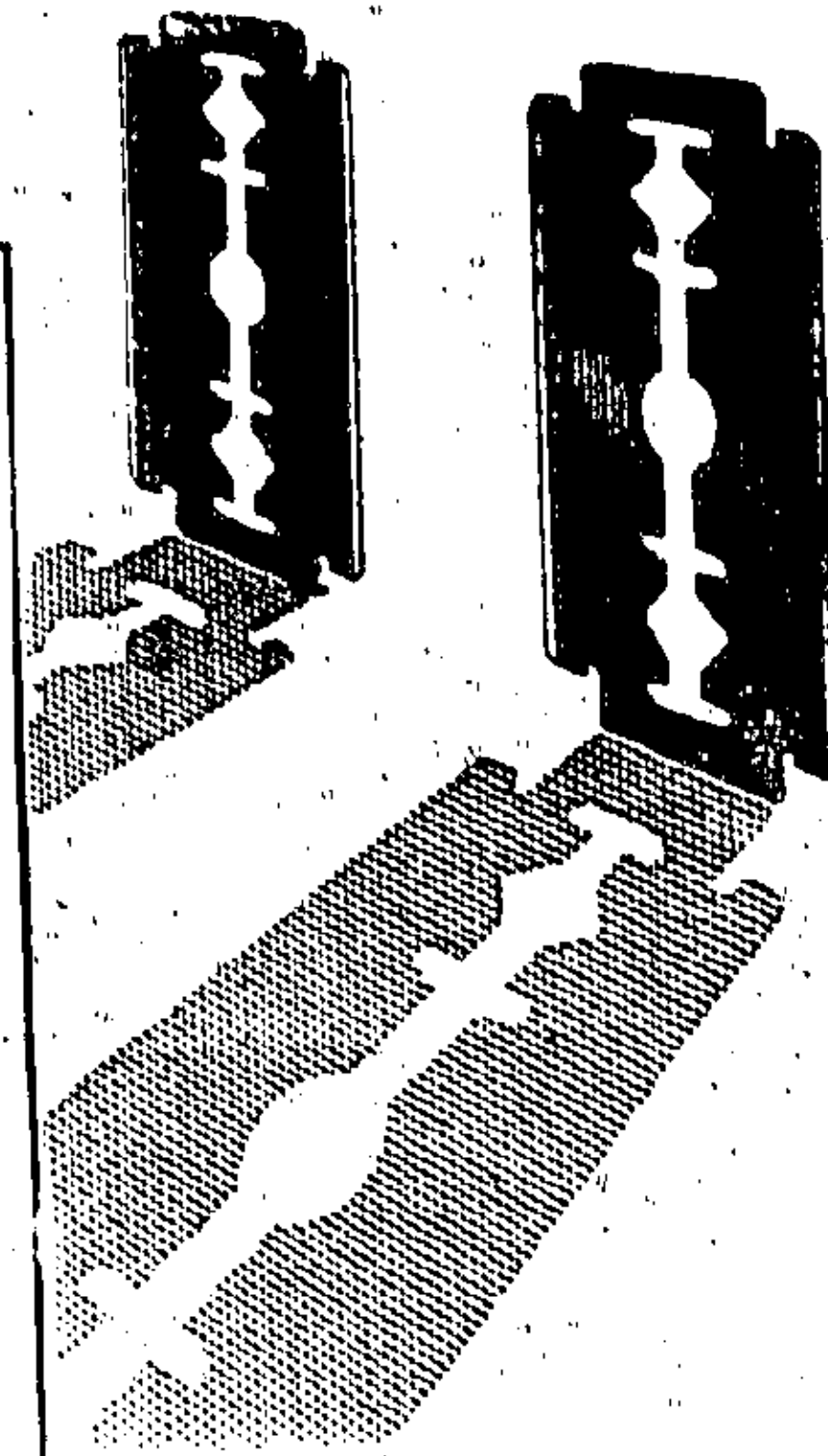
Mr. Abend's despatch also reported to the "Times" that when the Japanese troops entered Nanking on December 12 they shot and machine-gunned many Chinese civilians, including women and soldiers who had discarded their arms.

The report added that the discipline of the Japanese troops in China has been seriously impaired.—*Central News.*

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LORD MAYOR'S FUND

London, Dec. 23. The Lord Mayor's Chinese Relief Fund now totals £79,300. The Manchester fund has sent a first contribution of £500 and a further £500 is expected to be forwarded early in the new year.—*Reuter.*

U. S. ORDERS MORE PLANES

New York, Dec. 23. The Glenn Martin Co. has received a contract from the Navy Department for the construction of 21 aeroplanes at a cost of \$45,300,000.—*Reuter.*

NOTE CIRCULATION

London, Dec. 23. Christmas demand has, as expected, created a new record for note circulation and carried the total above the £500,000,000 mark. Bank return shows an increase in active circulation of £7,361,211, the total being £507,315,646.—*British Wireless.*

THE SERVICES

(By the Air Mail, London, December 12).

ROYAL NAVY

2ND CRUISER SQUADRON

The cruiser Cornwall will complete to full crew at Chatham under the command of Captain C.O. Alexander, late Captain-in-Charge at Harwich. She will join the 2nd Cruiser Squadron, Home Fleet, which will thus be restored to its normal strength of five ships for the first time since 1925. During the present year the squadron has been entirely reconstituted. Its former ship have all proceeded overseas, the Neptune to Africa, the Orion to the West Indies, and the Leander and Achilles to New Zealand.

The Cornwall, which was first commissioned in May, 1928, has hitherto been employed in China, until her withdrawal a year ago, for large repairs. She is one of the 10,000-ton 8in. gun cruisers, the building of which ceased in the Royal Navy in 1930. The other ships in the 2nd Cruiser Squadron are the Southampton, Newcastle, Sheffield, and Glasgow, of the new 9,000-ton 6in. class.

STAFF DUTIES DIVISION

Commander W. O. Scrymgeour-Wedderburn, D.S.O., now now attending the R.A.F. Staff College course at Andover, is to join the Training and Staff Duties Division of the Naval Staff in succession to Commander P. B. R. W. Williams-Powlett, who will assume command of the Erebus, turret drillship at Portsmouth.

SUBMARINES FOR DISPOSAL

Submarines L 56 and L 71 have been taken into dockyard control at Portsmouth for preparation for sale. They were laid down in 1917 and completed in 1919-20, and most of their service has been in the 2nd and 5th Flotillas in home waters. L 71, however, served in the Eastern Mediterranean during the concentration at Alexandria at the time of the Abyssinian emergency.

NAVAL METEOROLOGY

The Admiralty announce the formation, or rather re-institution, of a Naval Meteorological Branch of the Hydrographic Department. The Navy Meteorological Service was created during the War to organize collection of meteorological data by naval units for the use of the Meteorological Office and the distribution of weather information to the Fleet. In 1920 it was merged with the Meteorological Office—which is under the superintendence of the Air Ministry, but serves at Departments of State—as the Naval Division of that organization, and that has been its status until now. The importance to the Navy aspect of an efficient meteorological service has grown so much of late years, however, that it is no longer convenient for this service to be administered by a section of an office in another Department. Captain L. G. Garbett, R.N., hitherto Superintendent of the Naval Division (which now ceases to exist) of the Meteorological Office, is to be the new Chief Superintendent of Naval Meteorology under the Hydrographer of the Navy. He will be assisted by three naval officers and a civil staff.

The change thus introduced is one of administration only; it will not result in any duplication of meteorological work, which will continue, as heretofore, to be centralized in the Meteorological Office. But the Navy List shows over 70 naval officers qualified in meteorology, a figure which is a measure of the magnitude of the service to be administered by the new branch.

The importance in the conduct of naval operations which the Admiralty attach to weather wisdom is indicated by the institution, recently announced, of a prize to be awarded annually to the naval officer whose work contributes best to the advancement of the science of meteorology and its application to sea operations. The prize will be provided from the funds contributed as a memorial to the late Vice-Admiral Boyle Somerville, and will be known by his name.

NEW NAVAL AND AIR ATTACHES

The King has been pleased to approve the appointment of Captain C. S. Holland, R.N., as Naval Attaché to his Majesty's Mission in France, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, and the Netherlands with headquarters in Paris, to date January 17, 1938.

The Air Ministry announces the appointment of Group Captain C. G. Pirie, M.C., D.F.C., D.F.O., to the special duty list on appointment as Air Attaché, Washington, to date October 18 last.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are made by the Admiralty:—
Surgn. Cdr.—E. C. Davis, M.D., to Drake for R.N. Hosp., Plymouth (Jan. 17).

Chaplains.—The Rev. E. G. D. Fawkes, to Pembroke for R.N.B. (Dec. 15) and to Vindictive (Jan. 7); the Rev. E. S. Ulyat, to Excellent; the Rev. H. F. St. P. Foley, to Pembroke for R.N.B.; the Rev. C. H. R. Cocup, to Boscawen for R.N. Hosp., Portland; the Rev. C. P. de Candole, to Rodney (Jan. 1); the Rev. V. E. G. Kenna, to Pembroke for R.N.B. (Jan. 7); the Rev. E. G. M. Crocker, to Vernon, addl. (Jan. 8).

Lts. (E)—P. N. Praker, to Medway (Dec. 11); L. K. D. Wood, to Regent (undated).

Sub-Lts.—J. G. Wells, to Victory for course (Nov. 1) and to Impulsive (Jan. 1); A. L. Kirkus, to Vernon (Dec. 28).

Cd. Gunners (T)—H. A. Wilson, to Greenwich (Dec. 31); W. C. Hampton, to Nightingale (Jan. 1).

Cd. Engr.—W. J. McNally, to Dolphin (Jan. 1).

Wt. Shlts.—L. W. Reavill, to Douglas; K. W. Douglas, to Titania (Dec. 11); G. Mitchell, to Lucia (Dec. 28); C. Dodsworth, to L 23 (Dec. 29); W. H. Hobbs, to Tamar for Hong Kong Dockyard (Feb. 10); W. A. Plummer, to Salmon (undated).

PROMOTION

Sub-Lt.—J. E. Manners, to rank of Lt. (seny July 18).

THE ARMY

REPRESENTATIVE COLONELS COMMANDANT

The War Office announces that the following appointments have been approved for the year 1938:—
To be representative Colonels Commandant of their respective Corps:—

Major-General H. D. De Pree, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., retired pay, Reserve of Officers, Colonial Commandant, Royal Artillery.

Major-General H. L. Pritchard, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., retired pay, Reserve of Officers, Colonial Commandant, Royal Engineers.

Colonel (Temporary Brigadier) R.N. Willan, D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C., Colonial Commandant, Royal Corps of Signals.

Colonel (honorary Major-General) Sir Ernest Swinton, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., retired pay, Colonial Commandant, Royal Tank Corps.

Major-General Sir Evan Gibb, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., retired pay, Reserve of Officers, Colonial Commandant, Royal Army Service Corps.

Major-General D. J. Collins, C.B., C.M.G., M.D., retired pay, Colonial Commandant, Royal Army Medical Corps.

Major-General B. A. Hill, C.B., D.S.O., Colonial Commandant, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

HIGH LANDINGS

Since modern Service aircraft require a longer run after landing than obsolescent types it has been decided that the long arm of the flare path on R.A.F. aerodromes is to be extended from 250 to 350 yards.

In future, states a new order, the flare path is to consist of seven glim or goose flares. Nos. 1 to 5 are to form the long arm of the "T," allowing a 50-yard interval between Nos. 1 and 2 and intervals of 100 yards between each of the remainder. Nos. 6 and 7 are to form the cross of the "T," 100 yards distant from and at right angles to No. 5. The new arrangement will be embodied in the "Standard Orders for Night-Flying," as an appendix to the revised air publication 129, now being printed.

SPORTS DIARY

The 1938 issue of the R.A.F. Sports Diary is now ready and can be obtained on application to the Secretary of the Sports Board, Room 176, Air Ministry, Kingsway, W.C.2. It contains matters of Service interest, the principal Service and civilian sporting fixtures, and useful general information. Only one class of diary, bound in leather, is being issued this year, price 2s. plus 3d. for postage at home and 5d. abroad.

HEALTH RETURNS

Three cases of diphtheria and one of small-pox were reported to the Health Authorities for the 24th hours ended at midnight on Thursday.

PLANES OVER TAI-O

Fifteen On Way To Raid?

Apparently on their way to carry out bombing operations along the Kowloon-Canton Railway, fifteen Japanese aeroplanes were observed passing some five miles to the west of Tai-O, the principal township on Lantau Island at about 8.45 a.m. yesterday. A report to this effect was circulated by the Tai-O Police Station.

Officers stationed at Tai-O in their report added that some forty-five minutes after passing so close to British waters, the roar of the machines was heard as they returned to their base.

Bazy weather which descended over Lantau after the planes had passed out of sight prevented observation of their return. However, the roar of the machines indicated that they were either passing over British waters or were much closer than on the outward flight.

Tai-O, on the north-western coast of Lantau, is the biggest island in the group comprising the Colony of Hong Kong and portions of its coast-line constitute the western boundary of British territory.

WORST ENEMY OF CHRISTIANITY

Dean Of St. Paul's On Communism

POWER POLITICS REVIVED

Communism's "deadly attack" on Christianity, and the menace of dictatorships, were discussed by the Dean of St. Paul's, Dr. W. R. Matthews, in a lecture at Lincoln's Inn Chapel.

Dr. Matthews referred to Nietzsche, the German philosopher, as the first great modern writer to aim a fierce blow directly at the heart of Christianity. There were very many, he said, who were inspired, to some degree by Nietzsche's crazy teaching.

"Is it not literally terrifying," asked the Dean, "to observe the calmness with which kindly men and women will speak of and even approve the extermination of whole classes and social groups? Men who abhor murder on a small scale approve it when it is wholesale enough to describe it as 'liquidation.'"

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"Nor can we fail to notice that there is, in many quarters, a revival of power politics in its most bare-faced form. The doctrine that might is right is a short summary of Nietzsche's theory, and it has a mighty following in the contemporary world."

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EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

Wan Kum-leung, alias Yau Shun, 25, unemployed, was sentenced to three months' and two months' hard labour concurrently by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday on charges of embezzlement and conversion of money entrusted to him by his employees.

Detective Sub-Inspector Whant said defendant was employed by the Kwong Tai Firm as an accountant. On June 30 he received \$1,737.37 from the Tung Fat firm on their behalf and he absconded with it, together with \$200 which was always left with him for the firm's incidental expenses.

MR. H. R. STURT

Mr. H. Sturt, managing director of China Underwriters Ltd., left for Yokohama yesterday aboard the C.P.S. liner Empress of Canada.

MR. H. J. CRUTTWELL

Mr. H. J. Cruttwell, formerly Private Secretary to H.E. Sir Andrew Caldecott, former Governor of Hong Kong and now Governor of Ceylon, sailed for the United Kingdom aboard the C.P.S. liner Empress of Canada yesterday, via Canada.

"BRITAIN WILL NOT BE BULLIED"

Mr. Thomas On Germany's Colonial Demands

Mr. J. H. Thomas, as "an ex-Colonial Minister" over a long period of years" spoke of Germany's demand for the restoration of her colonies, at a luncheon of the Fortytwo Club, London.

Mr. Thomas, who had a rousing reception, said that there never was an occasion when we should keep our heads more than at this moment.

He denied, however, that the situation was analogous to that of 1914.

"Without particularising any nation, I have no hesitation in saying that the nations most likely to provoke war cannot economically create war to-day in comparison to their strength in 1914. Therefore say that the economic factors are all against the probability of a European conflict."

"I am not unmindful that the gambler may have his last throw, and even do desperate things, but I rule that out and say I do not think any European war is imminent."

POSITION CHANGED

Two or three years ago there was a grave danger of the dictators getting away with it, "but thank God, the position is changed, and no dictator can get away with it."

"I do not mean by that we would provoke any conflict, but the world knows—and it is good that it should know—that this old country is quite prepared to meet any emergency whatever it may be," declared Mr. Thomas.

He considered that Germany's demands for the restoration of her colonies must present to Europe the greatest and probably the gravest of our immediate problems.

"I speak as an ex-Colonial Minister over a long period of time," he continued, "and I challenge absolutely the assertion that Germany has suffered because of our control of any colony, and thereby been deprived of the opportunity of purchasing the legitimate raw materials she desired."

"No investigation, no matter by whom it is conducted, can dispute that Germany could at all times have purchased on precisely the same terms as ourselves, any raw material she required. But she determined to spend her money on armaments. That is her business."

THE GREATEST MISTAKE

But the greatest mistake they could make in dealing with the Colonial problem was to assume that they were only dealing with commodities. They were dealing with human beings and human rights and privileges.

"If there were a sincere effort to look at all the results of the Versailles Treaty, and they said 'Come let us reason together,' and and above all, if there were a genuine attempt to face the world position in order to remove the war in armaments, I am satisfied that this Government would be the last Government to refuse," said Mr. Thomas.

"But the worst contribution that can be made to this problem are these long-distance threats we hear about. This country will not be bullied. This country will not be threatened: this country has proved in the past that it can sit down and reason things out."

"If we are to find a real solution to this problem it is much better that, instead of talking at each other, a way can be found, ought to be found, and will be found for talking with each other."

FUNERAL EXPENSES

Reason For Bankruptcy Of Chinese

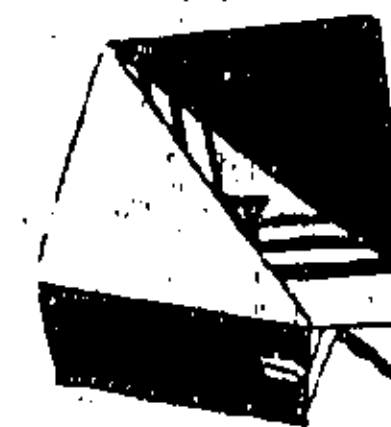
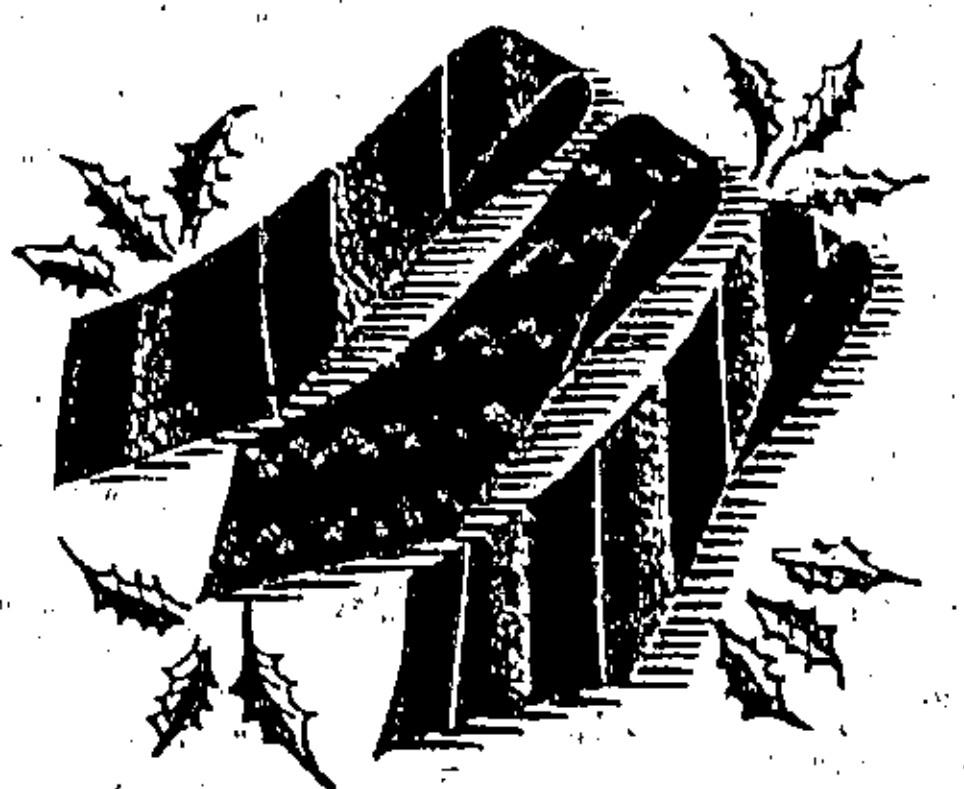
Borrowing money for the funeral expenses of his uncle, aunt and grandmother, were, it was stated in the Bankruptcy Court Singapore, the reasons for the insolvency of Wee Eng Kee, a 28-year-old Chinese proof-reader employed in the Government Printing Office, when he applied for his discharge before Mr. Justice Howes.

Mr. J. W. Ambrose informed his Lordship that bankrupt had filed his own petition, and the liabilities as shown by his statement of affairs amounted to \$758, towards which a dividend of 25 per cent. had been paid.

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EMPIRE'S DEBT TO KIPLING

MR. CHURCHILL'S TRIBUTE

"The whole Empire which had sprung from the will and stamina of our ancestors in this small island, excited his lively interest," said Mr. Winston Churchill, proposing the toast, "The Rudyard Kipling Memorial Fund," at a dinner held in London to inaugurate the fund.

"The structure and pageant of British rule in India gave him his first and main inspiration," said Mr. Churchill. "To read with faithful eye Kipling's Indian stories is to gain a truer knowledge of that great episode, the British contact with India, than will be found in many ponderous Blue-books, or in much of the glib, smooth patter which is now in fashion."

"Even should the British Empire in India pass from life into history, the works of Rudyard Kipling will remain to prove that while we were there we did our best for all."

SPACIOUS PANORAMA

"But from India he travelled far afield. Those were the days when what was proudly called Imperialism or 'Greater Britain' were the dominating ideas in British life. Kipling set himself to portray in vivid outline and gleaming colour every part of that spacious panorama."

"No one has ever taught Downing Street what the Australian Nation and people feel about themselves and towards the Mother Country so well as Rudyard Kipling. In his verses we see the reconciliation of divergent or conflicting forces, many of which have now become the common stock, and we pray, an enduring inheritance."

"Canada, New Zealand, South Africa—were all adorned and interpreted to us by strokes of his wand. The strong movement of hope and resolve for the greatness and glory of Britain which cheered the closing years of Queen Victoria received from him coherent expression and a formidable impulse. The tables round this room pay their tribute from English counties and far-off Dominions to the service which he rendered."

THE KING'S MESSAGE

The King sent the following

EMPIRE EXHIBITION AT GLASGOW

Five Premiers Will Be Honorary Presidents

London, Dec. 24.

Besides the King who will open the Empire Exhibition in Glasgow on May 3, 1938, the Prime Ministers of Australia (Mr. J.A. Lyons), South Africa (Gen. J.C. Smuts), New Zealand (Mr. M.J. Savage), and Southern Rhodesia have accepted invitations to become Honorary Presidents of the Exhibition to which 12,000,000 visitors are expected between May and October. The cost of the Exhibition is estimated to reach £10,000,000.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service.*

"BLACK OUT" IS ENDED

Shanghai, Dec. 24.

Ending 130 nights of total darkness enforced by the Shanghai hostilities, street lights in Hongkew blinked forth on Thursday night. Although the lighted districts were limited to main streets, Japanese residents can now enjoy a stroll without using electric torches.—*Reuter.*

FAIL OF TERUEL DENIED

Salamanca, Dec. 24.

The insurgents denied the fall of Teruel to the Government troops and stated that the garrison there is holding out with great bravery and that reinforcements are rushing towards its relief.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service.*

ANNOUNCEMENT

The engagement is announced of Miss Margaret Kulps, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Kulps, Hong Kong, and Mr. H. M. H. Tiefenbacher, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Tiefenbacher, Shanghai.

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SILVER WEDDING

DAVIES—HAY.—At Melbourne, Dec. 19, 1912, Eric, son of the late Mr. David Davies and Mrs. Davies of Llanelli, Wales, to Nell, daughter of the late Mr. Peter Hay, and Mrs. Hay, of Clare, South Australia.

MARRIAGE

PALMER—GRUNSPAN.—On Dec. 15, 1937, at H.B.M. Consulate-General, before Mr. A. G. N. Ogden Berta, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Grunspan of Vienna, Austria, to Walter Ronald Blything, second son of Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer of Manchester, England, and Shanghai.

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CHRISTMAS DAY

Of all the festivals celebrated year in and year out there is none that brings more joy into the world than Christmas Day and in the illuminated path of this spirit of joy there are messages of peace, goodwill and happiness among all peoples. Father Time creates, as it were, a new atmosphere of brightness and gaiety into which one enters wholeheartedly forgetting troubles and cares. It is a day for the children and there is real joy in the spirit of giving and making them happy. The laughter and merriment of children in every home throughout the world to-day, from the richest to the humblest, will ring with the spirit of Yuletide.

Christmas, that is, the Mass of Christ, in the Christian Church, is the festival of the nativity of Jesus Christ. The earliest identification of the 25th of December with the birthday of Christ is in a passage of Theophilus of Antioch (A.D. 171-183), preserved in Latin by the Magdeburg centurion, to the effect that the Gauls contended that as they celebrated the birth of the Lord on the 25th of December, whatever day of the week it might be, so they ought to celebrate the Pascha on the 25th of March when the resurrection befell.

The first certain mention of December 25 is in a Latin chronographer of A.D. 354 first published entire by Mommsen. It runs thus in English: "Year I after Christ, in the consulate of Caesar and Paulus, the Lord Jesus Christ was born on the 25th of December, a Friday, and 15th day of the new moon."

Chrysostom, in a sermon preached at Antioch A.D. 386 or 388, says that some held the feast of December 25 to have been held in the West, from Thence as far as Cadix, from the beginning. It certainly originated in the West, but spread quickly eastwards. As early as A.D. 400 in Rome an imperial rescript includes Christmas among the three feasts (the others are Easter and Epiphany) on which theatres must be closed.

And so through all the ages Christmas Day has been the festival of the year. We withdraw from everyday life into happy retreat.

The Vicar of St. Andrew's recently wrote:—"Christmas will be with us in a week or two, and here, though we have war on our doorstep, we shall come to worship the Babe at whose birth the Angels sang,

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill toward men." Some may say, "how tragically ironic," but surely we may be forgiven for worshipping the loveliest things at Christmas time. The world is bad enough but there are lovely things here after all. In our western tradition at its best and in a troubled time like this, there are opportunities, too, hospitality to the highest that we know, that should be encouraged.

"Come," then to Church on Christmas Day not unmindful of suffering and the tragedy of the world but determined to see and to worship that "many splendoured thing" which is the Hope of the World, and the joy and the peace of our hearts."

HOURS OF WORK AND WAGES

Amongst the services performed by the International Labour Office at Geneva is the collation of statistical and other information bearing upon the conditions of labour in a variety of industries and countries and the recently issued Year Book of Labour Statistics, demonstrates the value of this function of the Office. Although, as is pointed out, the great diversity of method in compiling the different national statistics renders international comparisons possible only with substantial reservations, the detailed material presented in the volume constitutes an important addition to the statistical data concerning recent developments affecting the working populations of the more important nations.

One of the features of the labour situation in post-war years has been the progress attending the movement for reducing and standardising hours of work. The principle of the 48-hour week won general acceptance soon after the War and recent developments in a number of countries mark the growth of a movement towards a further reduction. In his Report issued in March last, the Director of the International Labour Office declared that "nothing is perhaps more surprising than the effects of the slump on hours of work. In the past, the general tendency in bad times had been to lengthen hours rather than to reduce them in order that more might be produced for the same or even for a smaller wage."

READY FOR ALL EMERGENCY

Adequate plans have already been completed by the Hong Kong Government to deal with any possible rush of Chinese across the border to the Colony in the event of any outbreak of hostilities in South China. Such plans, however, are for the time being kept secret by the authorities.

The problem of housing the refugees who are staying in Hong Kong has become a less burden to the local authorities and it is possible that the Lanchow Refugee Centre will be closed soon in view of the departure for Shanghai of about 35 refugees.

Although we are expecting the arrival of over 200 refugees from Hankow by the "Christmas Express," the situation will not become any more acute, for the American and German Consulates in the Colony have promised to take care of their respective nationals. It is estimated that there is ample room in the Central British School which is now housing about 35 persons, to provide for accommodations.

A Christmas dinner will be held at the C.B.S. centre and it is hoped that those coming from Hankow will arrive in time to participate.

ST JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

The following are the successful candidates who took the First Aid Examination held on December 15, 1937.

Miss Y. Young, Mrs. Chin Fen, Miss Li Sau Man, Miss Li Wan Bik, Mrs. V. L. Spink, Miss Eleanor Thom, Mrs. Irene Law, Miss N. F. Nazarin, Miss Juliet Hassan, Miss N. Z. Nazarin, Miss M. Lee, Miss J. Hall, Miss Beattie Kwan, Miss L. Gooley, and Miss M. Gooley.

BIOGRAPHY OF CHIANG KAI-SHEK

(Continued from Page 1)

EARLY LIFE

In the first volume is given an absorbing account of the Generalissimo's early life, which at once shows how well that period was influenced by his parents. "There is no doubt," says Mr. Tong, "that the normal child, when he learns that the family of which he is a member, has won esteem, if not distinction, in the past, determines that neither by thought nor deed will he disgrace his forbears. It may, then, be supposed that Chiang received one of the most powerful inspirations of his young days when he learned that on his young shoulders rested the reputation of an honoured family."

This aspiration has been the keystone of the Generalissimo's life ever since, and throughout his work the authors shows how the principles of his early teaching guided and influenced China's leader in everything he did. In those early days Chiang submitted himself with good grace to chastisement from his mother when he did wrong, and in his birthday message of Oct. 31, 1937, the Generalissimo paid high tribute to his mother when he said: "She impressed on my mind that to be merely a dutiful son does not fulfil all the exacting duties of filial piety, the principle demands also an unflinching devotion to the cause of the nation." The welfare of China has thus been the guiding principle of Chiang's life.

Young Chiang's early life contains a wealth of colour, and the author has cleverly introduced little incidents of the leader's primary and secondary school days which immediately grip the interest.

MILITARY TENDENCY

He tells of the young Chiang passing from childhood—a period when China was spoken of by the rest of the world only in geographical terms—to youth and manhood. As a youth Chiang showed a distinct tendency towards a military career. At the early age of 18 he first met China's great leader of the revolution, Dr. Sun Yat-sen, and in the following year Chiang joined the military college at Paoing.

Mr. Tong then pays a very fair tribute to the military training which young Chiang received at the Preparatory Military Academy in Tokyo until his graduation at the age of 22. Two years later (Oct. 10, 1911) followed the Revolution and Chiang took up his first command when he successfully led the "Forlorn Hope" at Hangchow. Later he organised and trained infantry regiments at Shanghai. From that time began Chiang's real graduation into the sphere of leadership—the ardent student began slowly to blossom out into the serious-minded, determined, and at the same time sympathetic and understanding soldier-statesman. The "made clear the distinction between himself and the militarists and at the same time revealed the aspirations of young China."

HORRIBLE PERIOD

The story of the revolution is vividly narrated and the important role which Chiang played during that horrible period of China's history is told frankly and with due justice. "As a revolutionist I am fighting for the people," Chiang said at the time. And now, twenty-six years later, he is still fighting—this time it is the greatest fight in the history of the country—for the people. The world is aware of the tragedy of this cruel war, but in fighting it, Chiang has attained the one dream of his life, an end for which he had been working for two decades and more, namely, the moulding of the nation into a single, unified China. Whatever the immediate result of the war, that one thought must gladden his heart more than any other single thing in these anxious days.

The author relates how Chiang earned the reputation for saying things that were considered indiscreet. This is stated to have been the reason for his being styled the Theodore Roosevelt of China. "There were occasions," the author points out, "when Chiang declared himself in open opposition to some pet projects of Dr. Sun," but the whole country began to rely on him for the solution of military and political problems.

A NEW CHIANG

In the second volume the author presents to the reader a new Chiang—the accepted leader of the country—and quotes many of his famous speeches. "We wish to be equal among the family of nations," said the Generalissimo on one occasion, and to-day, though ridden by a ruthless war of aggression China is closer to achieving this

MALAYAN REVIEW

Trained Estate Conductors

Recently the Adviser on Agriculture, Federated Malay States, Mr. O. T. Faulkner, made an appeal for educated young men to make application for enrolment at the School of Agriculture at Serdang. Mr. Faulkner announced the granting of scholarships as an inducement to non-Malays to join the school for training as rubber estate conductors. He pointed out that there was a noticeable absence of Indians, who would be more desirable in view of the fact that rubber estate forces were mostly Indians and trained Indian conductors were therefore required, says the "Times of Malaya." At the present moment the full strength of the School of Agriculture is 80 boys. Owing to insufficient accommodation it was necessary for 20 applications for admission as private students, mainly from Chinese, to be refused.

It is a peculiar fact that the school has failed to attract Indians who in the opinion of Mr. Faulkner, are urgently required. The reason for this may lie in the fact that in the Federated Malay States there are six major and six minor scholarships which are only open to Malays. In other words no special encouragement or inducement has been offered to Indians.

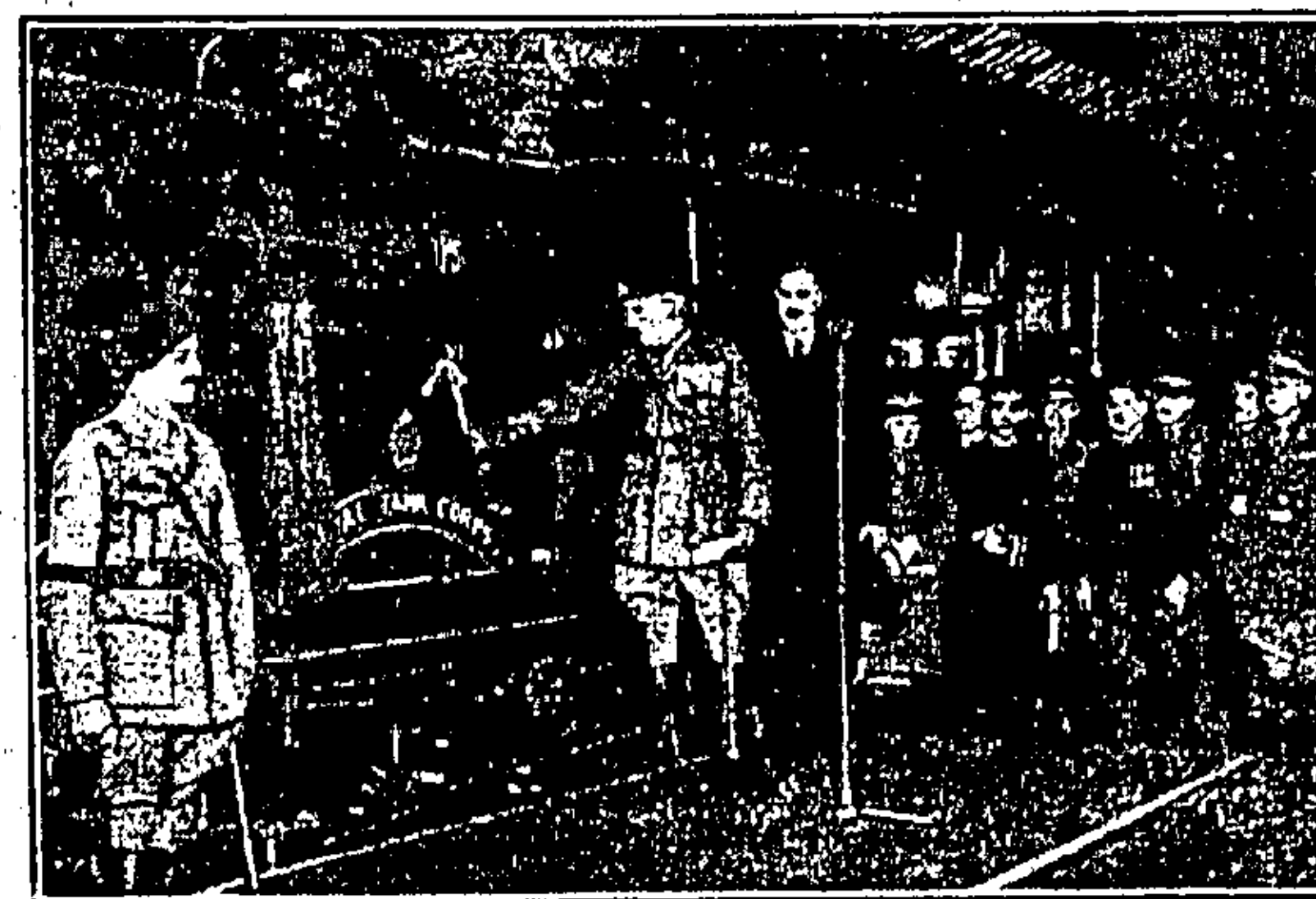
Proposed Remedy

The Government, however, now proposes to remedy this and for a start will offer four scholarships, to be open to non-Malays, in the new year. It appears to be doubtful that the scheme, no matter how praiseworthy it may be, will prove a success. Without doubt trained Indian conductors for rubber estates would be welcomed by estates but at the same time it cannot be wondered at that there is no such labour offering. The scale of payment on rubber estates of itself is no particular inducement to the right type of young man to present himself for a course of training and study which will occupy a period of two years. So far a total of 90 major students have passed through the school since its inception. Of these 23 joined local Departments of Agriculture, 29 joined the Rubber Research Institute of Malaya, six went to other Government departments and five became proprietary agriculturists, while only nine went to estates or firms. There were 18 about whom no particulars could be secured. The matter appears to be one which could very well be taken up by the Planters' Associations with a view to raising the standard of efficiency amongst the Asiatic employees and also to offer them some inducement.

NEW REGIMENTAL ENGINE

"Royal Tank Corps" Named

CAMBRAI ANNIVERSARY



Major-General Sir Ernest Swinton naming the L.M.S. locomotive "Royal Tank Corps" at Euston Station

A locomotive of the L.M.S. Patriot class was at Euston Station on Nov. 21 named the "Royal Tank Corps," the corps crest and name-plate on the engine being unveiled by Major-General Sir Ernest Swinton, representative, Colonel Commandant. There are now more than 50 L.M.S. engines named after regiments or corps.

The date lent significance to the naming ceremony. It was the twentieth anniversary of the Battle of Cambrai, where tanks were the dominating factor. They were led into action by Brigadier-General H. J. Ellis (now Lieutenant-General Sir Hugh Ellis)—nine battalions, consisting of 378 fighting tanks and 98 tracked administrative vehicles. Each tank carried a big bundle of brushwood to drop into trenches and so facilitate the crossing of such obstacles. The assault, launched in secrecy, smashed the enemy's line in a few hours.

It was appropriate, too, that Sir Ernest Swinton, who had to do from the first with the conception, organization, and provision of tanks, should carry out the naming ceremony. It was a further happy coincidence that the engine

goal than it has ever been before.

The author gives a detailed account of the unfortunate incident involving the detention of the Generalissimo by Marshal Chang Hsueh-ling. Gripping extracts of not only the Chinese but the... this story which astonished the world at the time are quoted from Chiang's own diary. It is written with diffidence, but throughout it all the reader can determine the moral courage of the man to whom not only the Chinese but the peoples of the world pay high tribute.

Finally, I must mention that the two volumes which form this remarkable biography are well printed and produced and will find an important place in the libraries of every country of the world. It is a work that the author and his friends may well take pride in for it will show the world that China to-day is not to be spoken of in

FOUR ARABS TO DIE FOR MURDER

Jerusalem, Dec. 23.

Four Arabs were sentenced to death at the Jaffa Assizes for the murder of another Arab during a highway robbery near Ramleh on July 26.

Eleven Arabs were estimated to be killed when police and troops engaged a big Arab party near Arrabe, west of Tiberias. The engagement followed a plunger-like movement, carried out over several days by police and Trans-Jordan frontiersmen, co-operating with troops and aircraft.—*Reuter.*

mere geographical terms and that the greater measure of credit for this is due to Chiang Kai-shek.

HOUSE OF COMMONS DEBATE ON PROPAGANDA

London, Dec. 23. The House of Commons adjourned this afternoon for Christmas, and will reassemble on February 1. The subject of foreign propaganda and in particular, Italian anti-British propaganda, was raised in the debate on the adjournment; and, replying, for the Government, Lord Cranborne, (Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs) said the general question of British news services was at the present moment under examination by a special Committee appointed by the Cabinet.

"I can assure the House," he said, "that we take this question very seriously indeed, and recognise its immense importance, but pending examination of it by the Committee I think the House will forgive me if I do not make any further statement."

Coming to Italian propaganda, he referred to previous occasions on which the Government had made their attitude sufficiently clear. He thought there was no disagreement in any quarter of the House regarding this propaganda. They all hated organised propaganda from whatever country it came, whether it was Government inspired, Government controlled or merely Government encouraged. They believed, it represented one of the worst developments of the modern world.

Of course, there were gradations of badness. There was propaganda in which a country boasted itself. There was a form of propaganda which was far more pernicious, in which a country tried quite deliberately, or apparently deliberately, to detract from or depreciate its neighbours.

VERY BAD METHOD

It seemed to him that that form of propaganda was bad from every point of view. It was bad from the point of view of the country that did it, because, people of that country, if the propaganda was conducted through the public press, got a completely distorted idea of the world situation; and that was a dangerous position for any people. It was bad also from the point of view of peoples of other countries if it was conducted over the radio, because they also got a distorted impression, though to a lesser degree it was true, for they were able by other means to get a truer impression.

But the worst effect was on the relations between the country which attacked and the country which was attacked. Nothing could be so embittering to relations as a constant stream of irritating propaganda material. He believed it must take a large share of blame for the situation existing in the world to-day.

They in England had had a considerable experience in recent years of propaganda of this description. From time to time, there had been clear evidence from the Italian press and from abroad—the Near East and other parts of the world—of propaganda directed entirely against Great Britain.

SERIOUS VIEW

The British Government had never condoned that propaganda. They had always taken a very serious view of it. On former occasions, when it had become bad, they had always made strong representations, which had led to

improvement, in a temporary and not permanent improvement, but still an improvement. But there had been during recent months a recrudescence, and it was for that reason that the Foreign Secretary had sent for the Italian Ambassador and told him the Government were well aware of that propaganda, and added that unless it could be brought to an end it would be impossible to create an atmosphere necessary for the prosecution of successful conversations designed to improve Anglo-Italian relations.

On former occasions, such representations had to a certain extent been effective. It was their hope and belief that the good sense of the Italian people would see to it that they were effective again. If they were not effective, it was clear sooner or later that they must take further measures, and he could assure the House that they would not hesitate to take whatever measures they thought necessary or appropriate for the purpose.

They did not want to have to take measures. They did not want strained relations with any other countries. What they really wanted was a return to the old confident friendship which had existed in the past with Italy, but that confident friendship required mutual respect and understanding.—*British Wireless.*

'POISONED' PEN OF MUSSOLINI DENOUNCED

London, Dec. 23. British indignation over the Italian anti-British propaganda and activities in the Near East led to the further sharp criticism of the Duce and the Italian Ministry of Popular Culture in the House of Commons to-day by the Under-Secretary of the Foreign Office, Lord Cranborne, who discussed the subject at length.

The subject was brought up by Lt. Comdr. R. T. Fletcher when he denounced the "poisoned" pen of Mussolini and demanded that the British Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence be authorised to counter-act this by propaganda and that funds be placed at his disposal for this purpose.

In replying, Lord Cranborne recalled the Foreign Secretary's statement made a few days ago to the effect that this activity of Italy's in the Near East was making it impossible for Anglo-Italian negotiations to be entered upon. He asserted that the British Government had not given up hope that the British representations in Rome would bear some sort of result and went on to state that the common sense of the Italian people should lead them to prevail upon their Government to desist from this type of propaganda.

Discussing the methods of propaganda in general, Lord Cranborne drew a comparison between the type that praised one's achievements and the other method which aimed at running down or openly denouncing the good achievements of other countries. Both these types were not desirable but of them the latter was the more dangerous.—*Transocean News Service.*



Hungry refugees eager to get their food.

KIDNAPPING ATTEMPT IN TIENSIN

PRETTY DAUGHTER
OF BELGIAN
AMBASSADOR
Four Men Now
In Custody

Shanghai, Dec. 24. How British and French police at Tientsin on December 11 frustrated an attempt by four foreigners to kidnap Mlle. Denise Theon, pretty 19-year-old daughter of Baroness Guillaume, and niece of the Belgian Ambassador to China, is related in a belated foreign report received to-day.

Baron Guillaume, the girl's stepfather and brother of the Ambassador, is General Manager of the Credit Foncier in North China.

The foreigners arrested and detained by the police were: J. P. M. Ferrer, well-known member of the French community in Tientsin; and three Russians, named Marcos, G. N. Keror, and Hautemoff.

One of these, when arrested, was found to be carrying in his pocket a typed note addressed to Mlle. Denise, stating that her sister was badly injured and was at the British Hospital, where she was asked to proceed immediately.

It appears this was intended to decoy the girl from the Country Club, where she was playing badminton. It was stated that a car was waiting for her, but the Secretary of the club, who had previously learned that the telephone was cut said that Mlle. Denise was not on the premises. He noted that a number of Russians were in the car. The number of the car was taken and this eventually led to the arrest of the men two days later.

As a result of a statement made by them, Ferrer was detained for questioning.

It is stated that the would-be kidnapers intended to keep their victim in a small detached building. Supporting this theory the police discovered a bottle of chloroform and a typed letter demanding \$50,000 in ransom.

The windows of the building were draped with a dark material.—*Reuter.*

MAJOR-GENERAL BROWNRIGG NEW MILITARY SECRETARY

London, Dec. 23. The War Office announces that Major-General W.D.S. Brownrigg has been appointed Military Secretary to the Secretary for War. A vacancy in the post of Military Secretary was caused by the appointment recently of General Viscount Gort to be chief of the Imperial Staff.—*British Wireless.*

ROTARY CLUB TIFFIN

At the meeting of the Rotary Club on Tuesday, December 28, Mr. E.J.R. Mitchell will speak on "Reminiscences of the Coronation."

CALMING PUBLIC OPINION IN AMERICA

Tokio, Dec. 24. A spokesman of the Foreign Office, questioned as to whether orders were issued to Japanese commanders in China to respect foreign interests at the risk of allowing Chinese troops to escape, replied: "Some orders which express the importance of careful attitude in dealing with foreign interests when exposed to danger on the occasion of Sino-Japanese operations are believed to have been given by military headquarters during the last few days." Other sources have no information on the subject, on which the Press also is silent. It is understood that the United States Embassy may be informed of the orders in question with the object of calming public opinion in the United States.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE FISHING BOAT SEIZED

Los Angeles, Dec. 24: The seizure of a Japanese fishing boat in the harbour here by Federal officials is disclosed by the U.S. Attorney, who explained that the seizure is part of a new programme of investigating into the ownership of all Japanese fishing boats in Southern waters.—*Reuter.*

EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO

Mexico City, Dec. 24. An earthquake shock, the heaviest ever experienced here, rocked the city for five minutes to-day. A large surrounding area, including a number of towns, was also sharply shaken.

The casualties and damage are not yet known, though in Mexico City itself the earthquake caused slight damage, when only two deaths have hitherto been reported, but serious damage is feared to have been caused in the interior of the country where the earthquake was most severe.

Telegraphic communications have been interrupted.—*Reuter.*

TERRIFIC GALE OVER TURKEY

Istanbul, Dec. 24. A terrific gale in the Black Sea wrought havoc to shipping and swept over Turkey to-day. A number of ships have been reported to have foundered and in one case only one of the crew of 25 on a Turkish cargo steamer was picked up after the ship had been smashed against the rocks of the Bosphorus. Communications in most parts of Turkey have been disorganised by the gale.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service.*

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"CHRISTMAS EXPRESS" DUE TO-DAY

Refugee Train From
Hankow Bears All
Nationalities

Hankow, Dec. 24. Owing to last minute cancellations on the "Christmas Express," the train left Hankow yesterday with only 294 refugees of all nationalities for Hong Kong instead of the 324 originally booked.

Hundreds of husbands and friends gathered on the Butterfield and Swire hulk at 6.30 a.m. yesterday to bid good-bye to the passengers. Many accompanied the refugees in launches across the river to the railway station at Wuchang.

Promptly at 9 o'clock the brightly be-flagged train drew out of the busy station carrying its none-too-happy travellers, who waved last farewells.

A London drizzle completed the quaint picture. Hopes that another international refugee train will be arranged are rising, and it is learned that negotiations are proceeding to send another batch of Hankow residents southward about December 28 or 29.

Yesterday's train took 107 Britons, 96 Americans, 41 Germans, 25 Russians, ten French, nine Italians, three Swedes and three Norwegians. Of the total number, 138 were women, 85 children and 71 men.

Providing everything goes as planned, the train should reach Canton at dawn on Christmas Day, and prospects are bright that the train will go straight through via the loopline to Hong Kong.—*Reuter.*

ROYAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

King's Broadcast From
Sandringham

London, Dec. 23. Prince Edward and Princess Alexandra, children of the Duke and Duchess of Kent, were taken down to Sandringham this afternoon by their nurse. The Duke and Duchess will travel to Sandringham to-morrow to join the Royal Family party, from the midst of which the King will retire on Saturday afternoon to make his Empire broadcast at 3 p.m.—*British Wireless.*

KING TO OPEN EMPIRE EXHIBITION

London, Dec. 23. The President of the Organising Committee of the Empire Exhibition, to be held at Glasgow next spring, has announced that the King has agreed to open the Exhibition on May 3.—*British Wireless.*

JAPANESE REQUEST REJECTED

Taiwan, Dec. 22. A Japanese request to take over the telephone office in the British Concession in Tientsin has been rejected by the British authorities there, according to information from local communication circles.—*Central News Agency.*

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VIOLATION OF H.K. WATERS

Japanese Spokesman
Has No Official
Information

Tokyo, Dec. 24: No official information is available regarding violation of Hong Kong territorial waters, declared a spokesman of the Foreign Office at a press conference.

He declared that he did not know when the Japanese Government would reply to the British complaint, but hoped to be able to give a clear explanation later. The spokesman said he was not sure whether replies to the British and American notes on the Yangtze incidents would be delivered to-day or after Christmas, as the matter was still being discussed.

In the course of discussion on the incidents, the spokesman stressed ignorance of the Japanese rankers, who were mostly rude rustics, in recognising foreign flags.

A correspondent then suggested that as a matter of good faith the Japanese authorities publish the instructions issued to Japanese aviators in the Yangtze area before taking off. The spokesman replied that the matter was too technical for him to discuss.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE CLAIM SUCCESSES

Shanghai, Dec. 24. Following an all-night march along perilous mountain paths, a Japanese column occupied the highlands overlooking both the far-famed West Lake and Hangchow, according to Japanese reports which add that at the same time the columns operating from the north-west have reached points five miles from Changchow, while another force, trying to cut off the retreat of the Chinese, have occupied Fuyang on the Chientang River, fifteen miles south-west of Hangchow.—*Reuter.*

TROUBLE AT FRENCH AIRCRAFT WORKS

Paris, Dec. 23. Three nationalised aircraft factories—two at Argenteuil and one at Sartrouville near Paris—have been occupied by workers who state that their action is an expression of solidarity with the workers at Colombes who are threatened with forcible expulsion from the factory they have occupied.—*Reuter.*

175FT TOWER FOR AIR TERMINAL

Building At Victoria

A tower 175ft high, nearly as tall as Nelson's Column, will form part of Imperial Airways new Terminal and head office building at Victoria Station. The tower will contain 11 storeys, and house a clock with dials 14ft in diameter. It will be floodlit at night.

The building, which will probably be completed by 1939, is to be the best-equipped air-line terminal in the world. It will adjoin No. 17 platform of Victoria Station. Passengers and freight will thus be handled with the minimum of delay.

There will be an electric train connection with Imperial Airways Empire service base on the South coast, and possibly with the projected aerodrome at Eynsford, Kent.

Cars and coaches will approach the building along private drives, and passengers will have only to pass through the booking-hall to the trains.

Passengers will be provided with a restaurant, retiring rooms, post office, left luggage rooms, freight office and bookstall.

NEUTRAL ZONE

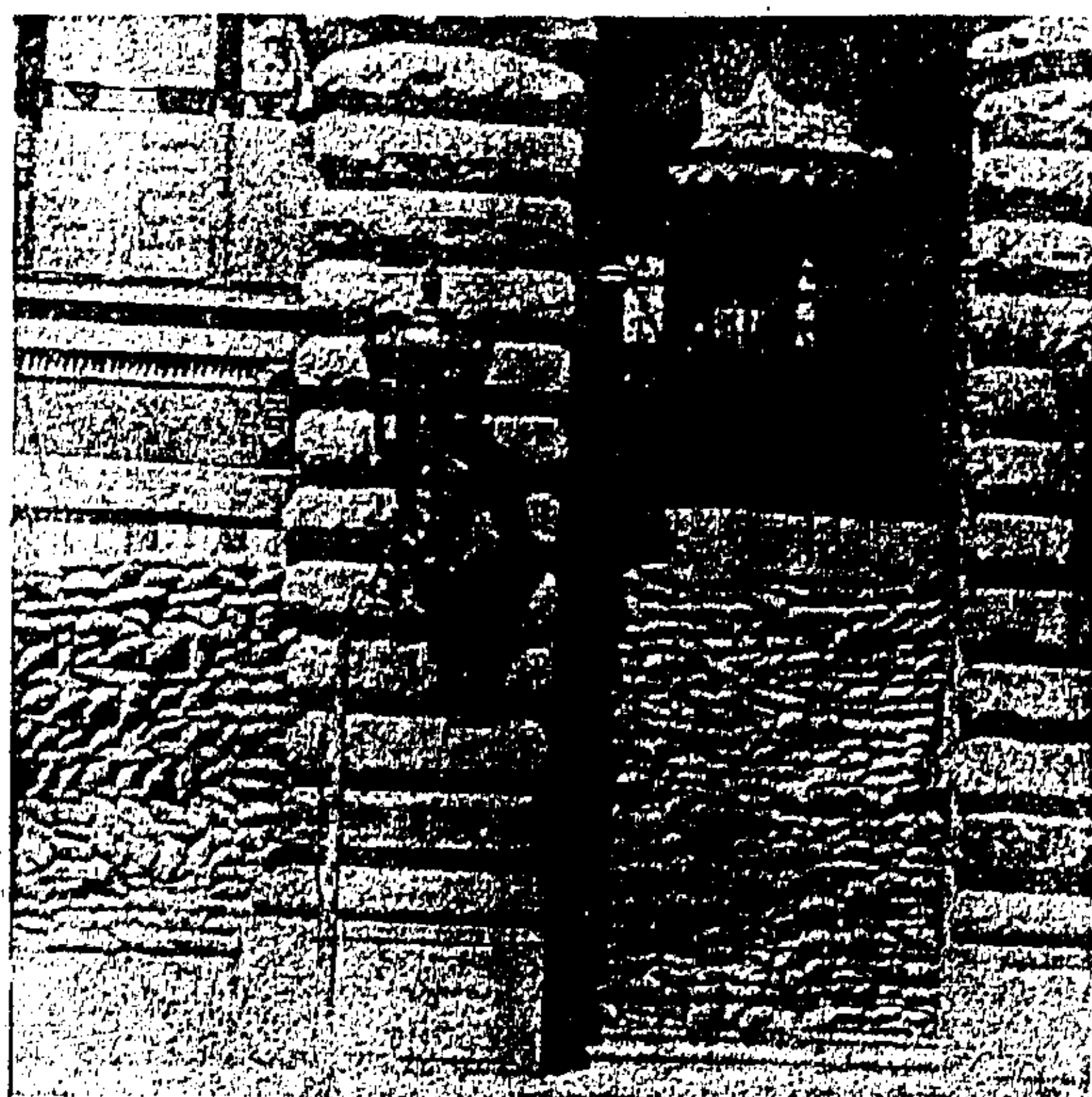
Hankow, Dec. 24. The Consular Corps here is discussing with the Japanese a proposal for the establishment of a "notified zone" in Hankow for the protection of refugees in the event of the city being bombed and bombarded by the Japanese.

The proposed zone would include the French Concession and special areas along the Bund.

The plan is understood to be meeting with considerable opposition by the Japanese who maintain the zone would interfere with Japanese military operations.

A section of the river is included in the proposed protected area because of the numerous foreign warships and merchantmen which are at present held up at Hankow because of the Chinese booms below that city.

The Consular Corps insists on the term "notified zone" being applied, as they wish to emphasise that while they are doing their best they are unable to guarantee the safety of lives and property within the area.—*Reuter.*



Business at a standstill in Shanghai

HOLIDAY GOLF AT FANLING

Starting Times Announced

TO-DAY

The following are the starting times for Fanling for the Xmas Holidays:—

OLD COURSE

9.12 a.m.	E. Laidlaw and G. C. Worrall.
9.16	C. Austin and P. H. Secones.
9.20	G. F. O'Brien and F. C. Young.
9.24	A. Mack and S. J. H. Fox.
9.28	W. S. Ryde and G. H. Bell.
9.32	C. M. Gee and I. H. Geare.
10.00	H. E. the Governor.
10.32	W. J. E. Mackenzie and H. Overy.

NEW COURSE

9.20 a.m.	G. and Mrs. Castle.
9.28	J. S. Dunnett and G. H. Catherley.
9.36	R. J. and Mrs. Collings.
10.32	Mrs. Mackenzie and Mrs. Overy.
10.40	R. F. and Mrs. Winfield.
11.16	Mrs. Skewt and Mrs. Herdman.

SUNDAY

OLD COURSE

9.12 a.m.	D. S. Edward and W. N. A. Smalley.
9.16	R. G. Gray and J. B. Martin.
9.20	M. G. Carruthers and R. Nelson.
9.24	L. Goldman and J. L. Bonnar.
9.28	A. B. Purves and I. H. Geare.
9.32	K. S. Robertson and H. H. Mundy.
9.36	R. G. Parker and E. T. McMullen.
9.40	S. H. Dodwell and G. B. C. Hull.
9.44	W. L. Alexander and D. L. Prophet.
9.48	G. F. O'Brien and F. C. Young.
9.52	E. Laidlaw and W. A. Adamson.
9.56	C. H. Catherley and S. J. H. Fox.
10.00	H. E. the Governor.
10.04	E. Davidson and A. Murdoch.
10.08	A. H. K. Cobb and R. L. D. Wodehouse.
10.12	L. R. Shore and K. S. Morrison.
10.16	W. J. Waddington and B. Rolfe.
10.20	F. H. Crapnell and Col. Matthews.
10.24	N. K. Littlejohn and H. N. Williamson.
10.28	J. Harrop and T. Low.
10.32	N. A. Browning and T. R. Chassels.
10.36	K. R. Quick and G. W. Reid.
10.40	A. A. Bremner and J. B. Stewart.
10.44	R. G. Griffiths and C. Austin.

10.48	G. H. McElney and G. C. Worrall.
10.52	K. K. Rounds and D. S. Robb.
10.46	A. M. Mack and F. A. M. Elliott.
11.00	Major MacDonald and Col. Blake.

NEW COURSE

9.15 a.m.	Mrs. Smalley and Miss Curtin.
9.24	B. D. Evans and A. Sommerfelt.
9.32	Mrs. Goldman and Miss Hebling.
9.40	G. and Mrs. Castle.
10.16	W. S. Ryde and G. H. Bell.
10.24	Mrs. Crapnell and Mrs. Matthews.
10.32	R. F. and Mrs. Winfield.
11.00	Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Blake.

MONDAY

OLD COURSE

9.12 a.m.	G. H. Henry and Capt. Holmes.
9.16	R. K. Valentine and S. H. Dodwell.
9.20	T. R. Chassels and H. Williamson.
9.24	S. J. H. Fox and D. S. Robb.
9.28	G. T. May and F. C. Young.
9.32	J. Stenersen and W. G. Robertson.
9.36	E. Davidson and A. E. Raworth.
9.40	C. Austin and J. L. Bonnar.
9.44	K. K. Rounds and K. S. Morrison.
9.48	W. N. A. Smalley and R. L. D. Wodehouse.
9.52	W. J. Dyer and R. K. Collings.
9.56	Wing Cdr. Bishop and Count de Courcelles.
10.00	J. H. M. Andrew and J. Leckie.
10.04	R. G. Gray and J. B. Martin.
10.08	M. G. Carruthers and R. Nelson.
10.12	L. G. Cramer and I. H. Geare.
10.16	Col. King and Col. Blake.
10.24	W. J. E. Mackenzie and H. Overy.
10.28	H. E. the Governor.
10.32	G. H. McElney and W. T. Yoxall.

NEW COURSE

9.16 a.m.	Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Holmes.
9.24	W. Ryde and G. H. Bell.
9.32	L. M. S. Lloyd and A. C. I. Bowker.
9.48	Mrs. Smalley and Mrs. Wodehouse.
9.56	Mrs. Dyer and Mrs. Collings.
10.28	Mrs. Mackenzie and Mrs. Overy.
10.36	A. E. and Mrs. Lissaman.
11.00	Major and Mrs. McDonald.
11.08	R. F. and Mrs. Winfield.

ARM ROUND A GIRL

Fine For Careless Driving Increased

"I think the public are entitled to be protected against people who drive cars without regard to the safety of others. Accidents in Singapore are almost a daily occurrence, and it is the duty of the Courts to see that drivers are more careful, in cases that come before the Courts."

Thus remarked his Lordship, Mr. Justice a'Beckett Terrill, in the High Court, Singapore, when he increased the sentence of a fine of \$10, or in default five days' simple imprisonment, passed on Kua Hock Siew, a young Chinese by Mr. L. C. Goh, the Fourth Magistrate, for driving his motor-car in a negligent manner in Robinson Road, to a fine of \$50 or, in default, two weeks' rigorous imprisonment.

Mr. Paul Storr, Crown Counsel, informed his Lordship that the respondent was seen by Chief Inspector Higgins driving his car along Robinson Road, the car zig-zagging from one side of the road to the other.

£82,000 ESTATE OF EARL PEEL

Earl Peel, of Leydene, East Meon, and Holland Park, W., former Secretary of State for India and chairman of the Royal Commission on Palestine, chairman of James Williamson and Son, and a director of Barclays Bank, left £82,711 (n.p. £80,360). He bequeathed the use of his effects to his wife, Countess Peel, for life, with remainder to his son, the present earl; £1,000 each to his wife and his son; £500 each to his sister, the Hon. Mrs. Julia Beatrice Maguire, and the Hon. Mrs. Agnes Mary Goldman.

The respondent had pleaded guilty to the charge. Inspector Higgins had jumped on the running board and ordered the accused to stop.

Mr. Storr submitted that the evidence went to show that respondent was driving the car with utter disregard to the safety of other users of the road. The road in question, counsel submitted, was constantly used by cars going or coming from Keppel Harbour, which travelled at quite a fast speed, and with a car zig-zagging from one side to the other counsel submitted that the respondent had been grossly negligent. Counsel submitted that the sentence was totally inadequate.

Driving in Singapore was very bad in parts, and if people were allowed to continue this sort of thing it would be most unsafe for other users of the road.

His Lordship increased the sentence as stated above.

INTERNATIONAL CHARITY CUP SOCCER

B. GOSANO TO LEAD PORTUGUESE ATTACK

The first game in the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup soccer series will take place on Monday on the Kowloon Football Club ground, commencing at 3.30 p.m. when England will meet Portugal.

Bertie Gosano, who was transferred to a coastal port several months ago, is in the Colony for the Christmas holidays and will be centre forward for Portugal.

The teams are:—England: Church (Navy); Webster (Seafarths) and C. Pike (Police); Lister (Navy); Bright (Middlesex) and Bliss (Kowloon); Pearson (Middlesex); Howlett (Police); Fowler (Club); Saw (Middlesex) and Middleton (Navy).

Portugal: R. Marques; V. Costa and D. Alves; C. Remedios; N. Beltrao (Capt.) and C. Marques; N. Delgado; A. Ward; B. Gosano; J. Gomes and T. Alves.

NEW LORD RECTOR OF ST. ANDREWS

Lord MacGregor Mitchell, K.C., was elected Lord Rector of St. Andrews University, Scotland, in succession to the Marquess Marconi, who died before being installed in office.

He defeated Sir Hugh Walpole, the novelist. The polling was described as the quietest in the history of the University.

Lord MacGregor Mitchell is chairman of the Scottish Land Court. He practised as a solicitor in Perth for some years, and was called to the Scottish Bar in 1914. He was Liberal M.P. for Perth in 1923-24.

NAVAL PARADE AT VALLEY

A Naval landing party consisting of a battalion of seamen and marines from the ships of the China Fleet in port will parade at Happy Valley on Thursday, December 30, for inspection by the Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral L. G. E. Crabbe. 500 officers and men will take part, and the parade will begin at 10 a.m.

The battalion will line up facing the grand stand, and will receive the C-in-C. with a general salute, after which there will be a march past.

Sporting Fixtures

TO-DAY
Cricket.—Triangular Tournament, Hong Kong C.C. v. Army, 11 a.m.
Football.—Charity Match, Hong Kong Football Association v. Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation (Caroline Hill), 3.30 p.m.
Gold.—Kowloon Club Christmas Meeting, Stableford Competition.

TO-MORROW
Golf.—Kowloon Club Championship; Kowloon Club Junior Championship semi-final.
Softball.—Hong Kong Baseball Club v. Filipino Club; Canadian Chinese v. English Forum (Filipino Club), 10 a.m.; Central British Association v. Vets (C.B.A. ground), 10 a.m.
Yachting.—Macao Race for Cruisers.

MONDAY, DEC. 27
Cricket.—Triangular Tournament, Hong Kong C.C. v. Army, 11 a.m.; Kowloon v. Navy, 11 a.m.; Craigengower, Married v. Singles, 11 a.m.; Recrelo, First XI v. Second XI; Hong Kong Electric Company Staff match (Indian R.O.). Second division, Navy v. Kowloon C.C., 11 a.m.
Football.—"Sunday Herald" Charity Cup semi-final, England v. Portugal (Kowloon F.C.), 3.30 p.m.
Golf.—Kowloon Club Christmas Meeting, Stableford Competition.
Polo.—Royal Artillery Cup Final (Hong Kong Polo ground), 3.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 28
Golf.—Ladies' L.G.U. Medal Competition (Fahling).
Meetings.—Referees' Association (Gloucester Building), 8 p.m.
Rugby.—Bathurst Inter-Company Final (Sookunpoo), 2.45 p.m.
Shooting.—N.R.A. Overseas practice (Kowloon City ranges), 2 p.m.

TWO CYCLISTS HIT BY CAR

£50 Fine On Naval Officer

Lt. Bernard Willoughby, R.N., 23, attached to the R.A.F. Gosport, was fined £50, with £3 11s. 6d costs, at Oxford for driving a car while under the influence of alcohol. His licence was suspended for two years. A second charge of dangerous driving was dropped.

The Chief Constable, Mr. C. R. Fox, said that at the end of Abingdon-road, where the lighting ceased, Willoughby's car mounted the pavement. It returned to the road after a short distance and collided with a cyclist, who was thrown off his machine. Further on the car hit a cyclist who was standing by the kerb. When Willoughby got out of the car he hunched against it.

Mr. R. B. Cole, defending, said that Willoughby had been playing in a Rugby match against one of the colleges, and was exhausted at the end of it. Mr. Cole suggested that when a person was tired the effect of alcohol was greater. Willoughby had not had more alcohol than he was used to.

ALL-DAY MATCH

The H.K.C.C. 2nd Eleven will meet the Army 2nd Eleven in an all-day cricket match at Sookunpoo on New Year's Day. The match will begin at 11.30 a.m., and the following will represent the Club:—A.K. Mackenzie (Capt.), W. Woodling, R.S.W. Paterson, W. Stoker,

BIG FOOTBALL ATTRACTION

In Aid of War Relief Funds

CHINESE FILM STARS IN EXHIBITION

Teams representing the Hong Kong Football Association and the Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation will meet at Caroline Hill this afternoon at 3.30 p.m. in a charity match in aid of China War Relief Funds.

Prior to the match Chinese screen actresses will give an exhibition of football as played by Chinese women.

The Association team comprises some useful talent and is a fairly sound one.

The following are the teams and reserves:—

H.K.F.A.—Rowlands, Hussain, Ulrich, Evans, Sherman, Wilson, Freshwater, Leonard, D. Knox, McGuigan and Bickford.

Reserves:—L. D. Skinner, Tippet, McKusker, Fraser, Fisher, and Spiers.

H.K.C.A.A.F.—Tam, Kwan-kon, Lee Tin-sang, Mak Shui-hon, Ieung Wing-chiu, Soong Ling-sing, Lau Hing-chol, Hau Ching-to, Lai Shiu-wing, Chan Tak-fai, Fung King-cheong and Chan Ping-to.

Reserves:—Lee Kwok-wai, Tay Quee-liang, Lo Wal-kuen, and Cheong Moon-wing.

D. S. Robb, N. P. Fox, G. E. R. Divett, V. C. Bond, R. M. M. King, C. E. Gahan and F. A. Dunnett: 12th man, D. S. Blake.

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1 Qt. Taylor's Old Tom or Dry Gin.
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Seventy-eight Canadian athletes sailed to Australia to-day to attend the British Empire Athletic Meeting in Sydney during the celebration of its 150th Anniversary.

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LAI WAH CONTEST

The Army football trial for the purpose of selecting the team to play against the Navy in the Lai Wah Cup contest on January 9 will take place on the Sookunpoo ground on Thursday, December 30, at 3 p.m.

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HOLIDAYS

Corps H.Q. will be closed for the Christmas Holidays from Saturday, December 25 to Monday 27, inclusive.

LECTURE

Captain T. Addis-Martin will give a lecture on "Principles of Ranging" to members of Corps 1st Battery in the lecture room on Thursday January 6 at 5.45 p.m. Any member of the Corps who is interested in the subject may attend.

PARADES

Corps 1st Battery
Thursday January 6. Parade at 5.45 p.m. for lecture. Subject—"Principles of Ranging."
Friday January 7. L Section parade at Belchers at 5.45 p.m.
Thursday January 13. A Section parade at Belchers at 6 p.m.

Engineer Company
There will be no parade on Monday December 27.

Corps Signals
There will be no parades until Tuesday January 11, 1938.

Machine Gun Troop
There will be no parades until Tuesday January 4, 1938.

No. 4 (M.G.) Company
Wednesday December 29. Parade at H.Q. at 5.30 p.m. for M.G. Instruction.

Portuguese Companies
There will be no parades until Tuesday January 4.

COMMAND—1st. BATTERY
Captain T. Addis-Martin returned from leave on December 9, 1937 and resumed command of 1st. Battery.

PROMOTION
No. 2947 Pt. A. Tate, Pay Section, is promoted Sergeant w.e.f. 24.12.37.

LEAVE
Lieut. M.I. De Ville, Corps 1st. Battery, returned from leave on December 9, 1937.

No. 17 C.S.M. R.J. Everest, M.B.E., Engineer Company, returned from leave on 23.12.37.

No. 2650 Sapper F.D. Angus, R.O.D.C., returned from leave on 9.12.37.

No. 2904 Pte. M.K. Lee, No. 4 (M.G.) Company, is granted leave from 17.12.37 to 31.12.37.

STRENGTH—DECREASE
No. 1694 Pte. S.A. Gray, Reserve Section B, w.e.f. 24.12.37. (Having left the Colony).

No. 1745 Pte. W.H.B. Rigg, Armoured Car Section, w.e.f. 24.12.37. (Having left the Colony).

STRENGTH—INCREASE
Private F. G. Maund, Thomson & Co., Pay Section 8.12.37.

Private V. M. Hammond, 10. Ice House St., No. 1 (M.G.) Co., No. 2 Pl. 17.12.37.

Sapper N.D. Lloyd, Arnold & Co., Engineer Co. 20.12.37.

D/Rider Donald Chinn, 199, Hennessy Rd. M.G. Signals 20.12.37.

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Private T. B. M. Conolly, 176, Prince Edward Road, A. Car Sec. 21.12.37.

Private Reginald Ablong, 4, Lincoln Rd. No. 5 (M.G.) Co. 21.12.37.

Gunner C. A. Olsen, Douglas S.S. Co., 1st. Battery, A Section 21.12.37.

Gunner L. J. Benuch, 20th. Cent-Fox, A Section 22.12.37.

Private Knut Lund, 24, St. George, Building, Reserve, Section B 22.12.37.

Private F. Cessford, B & S. No. 2 (M.G.) Co. No. 7 Pl. 23.12.37.

S. F. HEDGECOCKE (Capt.), Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

NOTICE
H.K. Rifle Association

Any member of the H.K.V.D.C. who is an individual free member of the H.K.R.A. and who finds himself in difficulties regarding supply of ammunition for spoon practice shoots is invited to communicate with Captains Trevor or Urquhart for particulars of a scheme which has been devised with the special object of assisting him in this direction.

AFFILIATED UNIT
Nursing Detachment,
H.K.V.D. Corps

Lecture: The next lecture will be on Monday, January 3, 1938.

Enrolment—Reserve: Mrs. M. K. Perdue w.e.f. 20.12.37.

(Sgd.) MRS. E. M. BEGG, Commandant, Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D. Corps.

DEFENCE AT SEA MERCHANT NAVY OFFICERS

Special Courses

Liverpool has sent more merchant navy officers to take the new defence courses against enemy attack at sea than any other port during the first three months of the scheme, and 95 per cent of those who entered for the courses completed them.

Altogether 388 masters, first mates, and second mates have entered for the courses in Liverpool and only 32 have been unable to complete the instruction there. In many cases this is because their ships have sailed, and it is probable that subsequent parts of the course have been taken by these officers at other ports.

The aim of the scheme is to enable merchant navy officers to know the latest methods used by the Royal Navy for anti-submarine work, convoy, and general protection of commerce at sea. The course of instruction lasts five days, and, as the syllabus is the same at each of the seven ports where instruction is given, any officer who moves from the port at which he started the course can continue his studies elsewhere without missing any of the sections in the syllabus.

Courses began on August 31 at London, Liverpool, Glasgow, and South Shields, further classes being started in Hull and Cardiff on September 13. Southampton is also included in the scheme, but owing to the large number of liner officers using the port (most of whom are already in the Royal Naval Reserve and consequently not eligible for the course) the numbers attending there have been comparatively small.

COMPANIES COLLABORATE
The total number of officers entered during the first three months was 1,468, which shows the keenness with which the merchant navy has accepted the opportunity to learn self-defence. The shipping companies have collaborated in the scheme, and it is expected that many more officers will pass through the instructional centres in the next few months.

All the officers in charge of the instruction are active service naval men, several of them from the submarine branch. An important feature of the scheme is the anti-aircraft defence section of the course, no information on this aspect of modern attack at sea having previously been available to merchant service officers.

The Royal Volunteer Reserve drill ships at London, Glasgow, Liverpool, and South Shields are used for the courses at those ports, and are fully equipped with the necessary gear for illustrating the points of the lectures. At Hull and Cardiff the Admiralty have rented premises and installed guns and other apparatus, while for the practical parts of the course at Southampton the classes attend the Naval Gunnery School at Portsmouth.

The following table shows the results of the first three months' working at each of the ports:—

	Number entered	Number completed
London	314	282
Liverpool	388	336
Glasgow	219	160
South Shields	280	220
Hull	100	68
Cardiff	176	164
Southampton	31	26

SPIRITUALIST MINISTER

Baron Erik Palmstierna, who has been Swedish Minister in London since 1920, is 60.

Recently his resignation was announced. Baron Palmstierna has thus, as was expected, taken advantage of the regulation in the Swedish Diplomatic Service which allows retirement at 60, though it only becomes compulsory at 65.

Economics and pacifism impelled him to authorship. His major interest is now Spiritualism. On this subject he recently came into prominence, over the "discovery" of the Schumann Violin Concerto. Baron Palmstierna, in his latest book, "Horizons of Immortality," gave details of the psychic messages Miss Jelly d'Aranyi received from Schumann about his unpublished work.

The fact that it is catalogued in the Berlin Library and is mentioned in some detail in Grove's Dictionary of Music did not shake the Baron's faith in the supernatural nature of the information.

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YULETIDE IN GERMANY

Berlin, Dec. 24

Over 1,000,000 German children attended on Thursday afternoon a nationwide Christmas festival given by the National Socialist Party. They gathered around a lighted Christmas tree, sang their Yuletide songs and then moved across to big tables piled high with presents of all sorts. Prominent members of the Party were present to hand out the gifts. In Berlin, where no less than 500 such fetes were held and attended by 150,000 children. Dr. Joseph Goebbels, Reichs Minister of Propaganda, and General Hermann Goering, Reichs Air Minister, spent the entire afternoon acting the part of Santa Claus, or Knecht Ruprecht, as he is called here. In an address which was broadcast over all German stations Dr. Goebbels extolled Christmas as the festival of peace which would help to mould the German people into a happy and joyful community living in the midst of a disquiet and troubled world. He knew no better greetings to convey to the world on this Christmas Eve than the traditional message of peace on earth.

JAPAN TELLS GREAT BRITAIN

Threat Of Unexpected Counter-Blow

Tokyo, Dec. 23. Japanese newspapers feature quite a "heated" debate in the House of Commons on Tuesday regarding the Far Eastern situation. The Nichi Nichi states that Britain's only course is to adapt herself to the realities and frankly change her China policy as, otherwise, she is liable to meet an unexpected counter-blow. It reports of reinforcements of the Far Eastern fleet is bluff, Britain should remember the failure of similar bluff against Italy.

ITALY'S BIRTHRATE

Rome, Dec. 23. Ten children in ten years is the record of a Naples woman who through this outstanding achievement is to be awarded principal honours at the "day of mothers and children" which is to be celebrated here on Friday. Preparations for the festival of unusual proportions have been in progress for weeks, and mothers in each province who have given birth to the greatest number of children since April 15, 1928, which is the date of the founding of the "national welfare work for mothers and children" are to be brought to the city and presented to Signor Benito Mussolini. In addition to the record holder, 18 women who have borne nine children each, 42 with eight children each, 32 with seven each and four with six children each will also be presented at the festival. These 95 mothers, it is pointed out, have increased the population of the nation by 738 since 1928. Attention is drawn to the fact, however, that the figures do not indicate the size of the family but merely the children born within the stated period. The family record is held by a 42-year-old peasant woman from Treviso province who has given birth to seventeen children.

CHINA AWAKENED

Lyons, Dec. 23. Chinese national conscience has been awakened by the Japanese invasion, declared the Director of the Physics Institute of the Chinese National University in Peking. Dr. N. Y. Tse, in speaking this afternoon at a reception held by the Chinese students of the Institute for higher studies in this city.

He stated that before his departure from China several months ago the Chinese peasants had already been organised to resist the Japanese. Dr. Tse will leave for China in a few days' time, accompanied by a crowd of young Chinese students from the Institute who are going home to join the Army.

FREEDOM OF ACTION FOR NAHAS PASHA

("Hong Kong Daily Press" Special)

Cairo, Dec. 23. The Executive Committee of the Wafd party decided today to give the Prime Minister, Nahas Pasha, complete freedom of action in the conduct of negotiations with King Farouk for settling the dispute between the Palace and the Cabinet. At the same time the executive has ordered all Wafd party members to decline participation in the formation of a new government without first obtaining permission from the party. It is understood that the party is prepared to accept a compromise solution of the Blue-shirt problem.

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M. VAN ZEELAND

Paris, Dec. 23. M. Paul van Zeeland, a former Premier of Belgium, is seeing French ministers in Paris today. He has completed investigations on the world economic situation as requested by Great Britain, France and the United States and his report on them will be published shortly.

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WORLD EATING MORE BEEF

Less Mutton And Lamb

Both in the world in general and in the United Kingdom in particular more beef is being eaten and less mutton and lamb, while the consumption of pork remains practically unchanged. These facts emerge from the Imperial Economic Committee's report on the meat trade for last year.

The quantity of beef and veal entering international trade was higher than in any year since 1931. In Great Britain home supplies rose from 14,045,000 cwt. in 1935 to 14,121,000 cwt. last year, while imports increased from 13,971,000 cwt. to 14,428,000 cwt.

The share of Empire countries in Britain's beef and veal imports rose from 10 per cent in 1930 to 23 per cent in 1936. Consumption of beef per head in Britain, which stood at 63lb. between 1926 and 1932, increased to 70lb. last year.

EMPIRE SHARE RISES

World exports of mutton and lamb were the lowest since 1928. Home supplies in Britain fell from 5,292,000 cwt. in 1935 to 5,202,000 cwt. last year. Imports showed a sharp decline from 7,172,000 cwt. to 6,843,000 cwt.

The production in Great Britain was less than in any year since 1931. The consumption per head in Britain, which had risen steadily for a number of years to a peak of 32.5lb. in 1933 declined to 29.5lb. last year.

The Empire's share of Britain's mutton and lamb imports has risen from 64 per cent in 1930 to 80 per cent in 1936. Lamb is growing in popularity. The proportion of lamb in Britain's imports of lamb and mutton has increased from 62 per cent in 1930 to 79 per cent last year.

Last year's output of pig meat in the United Kingdom was the largest ever recorded. It rose from 9,134,000 cwt. in 1935 to 9,602,000 cwt. The latter figure constituted more than 50 per cent of total supplies, compared with an average of 40 per cent in the preceding five years. The consumption was 44lb. per head, the same as in 1935.

Prices last year showed a general rise for all meat except imported beef which remained unchanged. This year, however, all prices have risen.

VISIT TO BERLIN

Berlin, Dec. 23.

Dr. Stoyadinovitch, the Yugoslav Prime Minister, will arrive in Berlin on January 15 1938 on a four-day visit to the German capital. Before returning to Belgrade, he will make a tour of Western Germany where he will inspect a number of the big industrial plants.

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SOVIET SHIP HELD UP

Paris, Dec. 23.

A despatch from Tangle to the "Paris Solr" says that the Soviet Russian steamer, Chorz, sent out on a S.O.S. call at 8.15 a.m. on Wednesday when off Gibraltar. Later on the captain reported that he had been ordered to proceed to Ceuta.

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PAINTING FOR BENITO

Berlin, Dec. 23.

The city of Potsdam has presented Signor Benito Mussolini with a painting of the town in remembrance of his visit to this historic city.

An identical presentation was made to Marshal Badoglio who also visited the town, made famous by Frederick the Great.

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DUGOUTS FOR AIR RAIDS

Hankow, Dec. 22. One hundred and forty thousand persons in Wuchang and Hanyang will be given shelter in newly constructed dugouts in case of future aerial attacks.

Altogether 1,065 dugouts and shelters were recently constructed in these two cities. Of these 173 were built by air defence organisations, 126 by various schools and 766 by private individuals and families.

Besides these, the Wuchang and Hanyang Municipal Governments

EXHIBITION MAY REOPEN

PARIS PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

The International Exhibitions Committee recently authorised France to reopen the Paris Exhibition next year. As the French Government has been pressing for the reopening it is practically certain that Parliament will grant the necessary credits.

According to an official communiqué, the authorisation only covers a period of six months or less.

This does not necessarily mean that all the nations which participated in the exhibition this year will reopen their pavilions. The 60 delegates representing the 23 nations who are members of the International Exhibitions Committee merely had to decide whether, under the Exhibitions Convention of 1928, France had the right to reopen the Paris show.

After considerable discussion the delegates put the matter into the hands of a juridical committee under M. Politis, Greek Minister in Paris. When the views of this committee had been heard a secret ballot was taken. Seventeen votes were cast in favour of granting the right to reopen, two against and two nations abstained from voting. Authorisation was thus granted by a majority of more than the two-thirds required.

FOREIGN COUNTRIES' POSITION

M. Barety, one of the French delegates, emphasised that the vote by no means bound foreign Governments. "They will remain at liberty," he said, "to accept or refuse the invitations which the French Government will send them if Parliament decides on reopening the exhibition."

M. Barety added that those nations which accepted the invitations would have to be helped financially as much as possible by France.

Unofficial estimates of the cost of reopening vary between £5,000,000.

The French now agree that the exhibition has acted as a great fillip to the tourist industry and has enhanced the country's prestige. The whole nation appears to want a reopening next year.

GENERAL MAO IN ACTION

Shanghai, Dec. 23.

It is variously reported here that General Mao Tse-tung, former Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Red Army, has arrived in the Northern part of Shansi Province, where, according to Japanese reports, he is under orders from the Generalissimo to carry out certain military operations.

Actually, however, reports reaching here about the alleged activities of General Mao are contradictory. It can be safely said that some of them had been concocted in Japanese quarters with a view to influencing Chinese public opinion.

One report is to the effect that General Mao has left for Outer Mongolia in order to organise the transportation of Russian war materials into Shansi Province. It is said that he had won over certain high officials in Outer Mongolia to the Chinese cause, and in this connection the Japanese claim that their troops have advanced to positions enabling them to cut off military communications between Outer Mongolia and Shansi Province.

Much will depend on whether these reports are true, for the Chinese Red Army is reported to have grown from three divisions to ten, totalling about 150,000 men and reinforced by 10,000 peasant labourers.

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STRIKE AFFECTS SHOPPERS

Paris, Dec. 23.

The strike movement in Paris in the catering trade continues to cause a great deal of inconvenience to housewives engaged in making their Christmas purchases. So far, however, the strike has been mainly confined to the big wholesale firms. Some of the leading department stores have been affected by the strike but retail dealers are able to cope with the rush.

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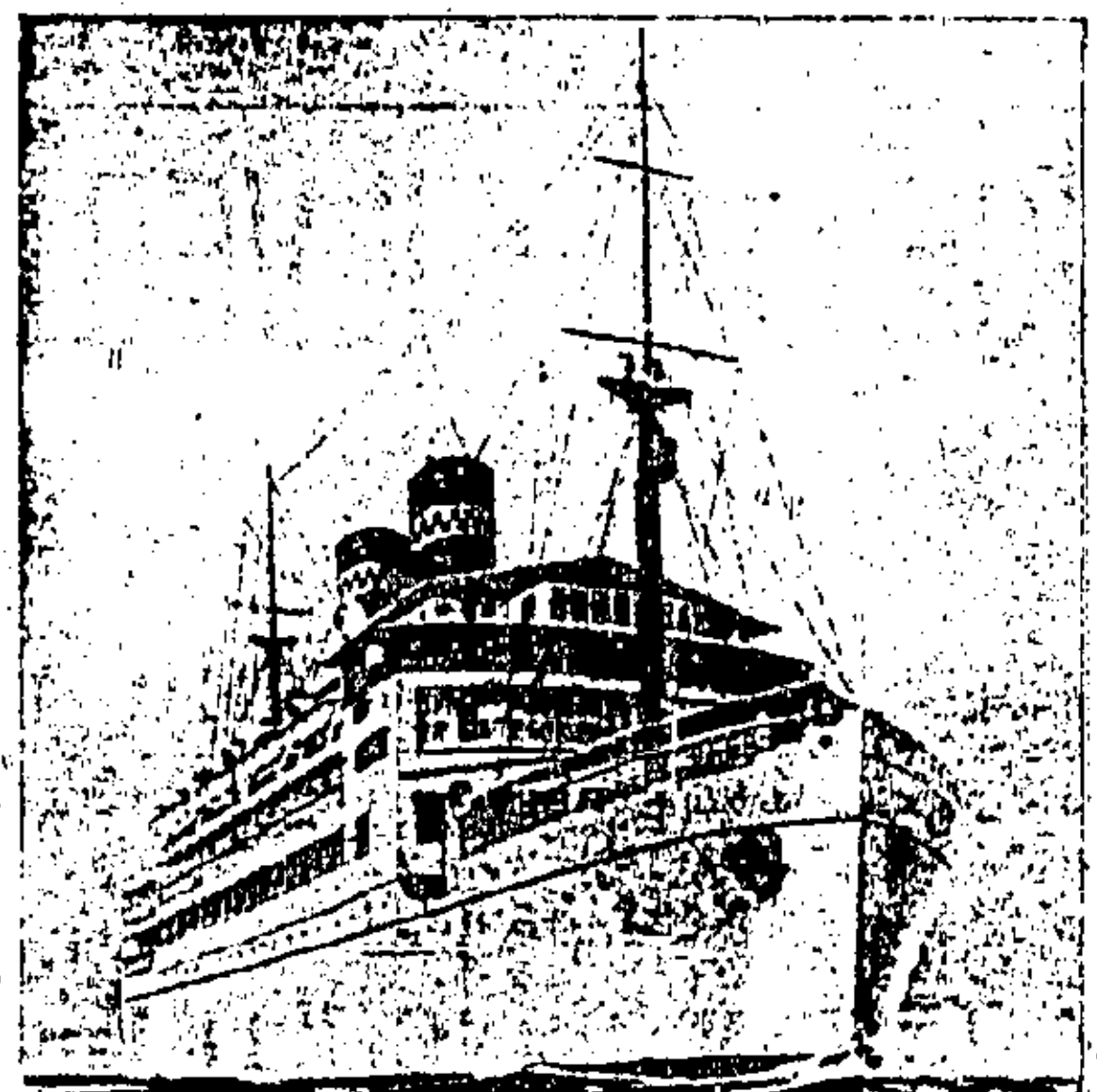
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Titan, B. & S., Dec. 28.	Kaying, B. & S., Dec. 29.
Kwaisang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 30.	Houtman, J.C.J. Line, January 1.
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Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., Jan. 20.	

Swatow

Chakung, J.M. & Co., December 26.	Anshun, H. & S., December 26.
Yochow, B. & S., December 27.	Seistan, Douglas, Dec. 28.
Yatsing, J.M. & Co., December 29.	Kaying, B. & S., Dec. 29.
Kwaisang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 30.	Yinchow, B. & S., Dec. 30.
Hupei, B. & S., January 2.	

Tientsin

Yatsing, J.M. & Co., Dec. 29.	Newchwang, B. & S., December 29.
Yochow, B. & S., December 29.	Kwaisang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 30.
Hupei, B. & S., January 2.	

Tientsin

Yochow, B. & S., December 26.	Kulmerland, Jensen's, January 5.
Fulda, Melchers, January 13.	

Wei-Hai-Wei

Newchwang, B. & S., December 26.	Yochow, B. & S., December 27.
Hupei, B. & S., January 2.	

EASTWARD

FROM HONG KONG TO NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA

Haitan.	New Orleans, Thoresen's, December 31.
Marchen Maersk, Jensen's, Jan. 1.	
Baltimore.	New Orleans, Thoresen's, December 31.
Notu Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 31.	Marchen Maersk, Jensen's, Jan. 1.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar's, January 2.	
Cristobal.	New Orleans, Thoresen's, December 31.
Notu Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 31.	Marchen Maersk, Jensen's, Jan. 1.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar's, January 2.	
Honolulu.	New Orleans, Thoresen's, December 31.
Notu Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 31.	Marchen Maersk, Jensen's, Jan. 1.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar's, January 2.	
Los Angeles.	New Orleans, Thoresen's, December 31.
Notu Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 31.	Marchen Maersk, Jensen's, Jan. 1.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar's, January 2.	
Philadelphia.	New Orleans, Thoresen's, December 31.
Notu Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 31.	Marchen Maersk, Jensen's, Jan. 1.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar's, January 2.	

SOUTHWARD

FROM HONG KONG TO COAST PORTS, MANILA, AUSTRALIA

Australia Ports, Post and War.	Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 25.
Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., January 2.	Neptuna, Gibb's, January 9.
Talhybus, B. & S., January 14.	
Tsadanu, J.C.J. Line, January 4.	Bangkok.
Barents, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 28.	Yingchow, B. & S., Dec. 30.
Tsadanu, J.C.J. Line, Jan. 4/5.	Malayan Prince, Furness, January 11.
Scharnhorst, Melchers, December 25.	Cremer, J.C.J. Line, January 6.
Trave, Melchers, January 14.	
Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 25.	Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., January 2.
Neptuna, Gibb's, January 9.	Talhybus, B. & S., January 14.
Tsadanu, J.C.J. Line, January 4.	Anna Maersk, Jensen's, January 4.
Malayan Prince, Furness, January 11.	
Potsdam, Melchers, January 18.	
Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 25.	Scharnhorst, Melchers, December 25.
Pres. Coolidge, Dollar's, December 31.	Pres. Van Buren, Dollar's, January 2.
Neptuna, Gibb's, January 9.	Talhybus, B. & S., January 14.
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Potsdam, Melchers, January 18.	

WESTWARD

FROM HONG KONG TO EUROPE AFRICA, ETC.

Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 25.	Scharnhorst, Melchers, December 25.
Pres. Coolidge, Dollar's, December 31.	Pres. Van Buren, Dollar's, January 2.
Neptuna, Gibb's, January 9.	Talhybus, B. & S., January 14.
Tsadanu, J.C.J. Line, January 4.	Anna Maersk, Jensen's, January 4.
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Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 25.	Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., January 2.
Neptuna, Gibb's, January 9.	Talhybus, B. & S., January 14.
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Malayan Prince, Furness, January 11.	
Potsdam, Melchers, January 18.	
Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 25.	Scharnhorst, Melchers, December 25.
Pres. Coolidge, Dollar's, December 31.	Pres. Van Buren, Dollar's, January 2.
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ARRIVALS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

Atsuta Maru, Japanese steamer, Captain K. Tsukuda, 4,940 tons, from Nagasaki, general cargo, mooring at buoy No. A7—N. Y. K.

Glenbeg, British steamer, Captain E. Roberts, 5,789 tons, from Singapore, general cargo, berthing at Holt's Wharf—J. M. & Co.

Hin Sang, British steamer, Capt. Hopkins, 1,885 tons, from Sandakan, general cargo, mooring at buoy No. D22—J. M. & Co.

Hong Kong Maru, Japanese steamer, Captain Sato, 1,550 tons, from Takasago, general cargo, berthing at Osaka Shosen Kaisha Wharf—O. S. K.

Kwai Sang, British steamer, Captain M. Costello, 1,435 tons, from Swatow, general cargo, mooring at buoy No. B4—J. M. & Co.

Laila, British steamer, Captain V. Turnbull, 839 tons, from Saigon, general cargo, lying at Anchorage—Barg & Co.

Mennon, British steamer, Captain W. Boswell, 4,613 tons, from Manila, general cargo, berthing at Holt's Wharf—J. M. & Co.

Recorder, British steamer, Capt. F. E. Astell, 950 tons, from Singapore, lying at Kowloon Harbour—Eastern Extension & Co.

Skippers, British steamer, Captain I. Whitehead, 3,031 tons, from Los Angeles, cargo—fuel oil, etc., lying at Junk Bay—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

Soli, Norwegian steamer, Captain M. Abrahamson, 3,474 tons, from Balikpapan, fuel oil, lying at North Point—A. P. C.

Yat Shing, British steamer, Captain D. Smith, 1,424 tons, from Swatow, general cargo, mooring at buoy No. B8—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Yusho Maru, Japanese steamer, Capt. B. Hissazumi, 390 tons, from Saigon, lying at Saiwan Bay—M. B. K.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

Chuk Sang, British steamer, Captain L. McRae, 1,470 tons, from Canton, mooring at buoy No. B2—J. M. & Co.

Iar, German steamer, Captain P. Kamenetz, 5,637 tons, from Dairen, lying at Junk Bay—Melchers & Co.

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ATSUTA MARU	Sunday, 26th Dec.
KITANO MARU	22nd Jan. 1938

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang and Colombo.

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YASUKUNI MARU	10th Jan. 1938
TOYOOKA MARU	27th Jan. 1938

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

RYUNO MARU	Saturday, 25th Dec.
TSUSHIMA MARU	5th Jan. 1938

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Adrasias (H. & S.), British steamer, Capt. J. E. Webster, 4,948 tons, arrived Dec. 19 from Manila, general cargo. Berthing at Holt's Wharf.	Hai Tan (Douglas & Co.), British str., Capt. E. Walker, 2,225 tons, arrived on December 23 from Swatow. Berthing at Douglas Wharf.	Sandviken (J. M. & Co.), British str., Capt. P. Heesch, 1,775 tons, arrived Dec. 17 from Singapore, gen. cargo. Mooring at buoy No. B27.
Anshun (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Capt. C. P. Miller, 1,869 tons, arrived on December 23 from Amoy. Lying at Taikeo Dock.	Hai Yu (Dodwell & Co.), Chinese str., Capt. V. Andriessen, 1,983 tons, arrived at Stonecutters.	Scharnhorst (Molochers & Co.), German str., Captain R. Priess, 10,712 tons, expected to arrive here from Shanghai on Dec. 25 at 8 a.m. and will dock at the Kowloon Wharf. She is expected to sail on the same day at 10 p.m. for Europe via Manila, Singapore and ports.
Ardent (Chin Sang Hong), Norwegian steamer, Capt. H. Sitter, 1,101 tons, arrived on December 23 from Shanghai. Cleared on the same day for Bangkok.	Harmed (Thorsen & Co.), Norwegian str., Captain S. B. Eliassen, 840 tons, arrived on December 18 from Bangkok. Cleared Dec. 23 for Bangkok.	Seistan (Douglas & Co.), British str., Capt. R. C. Crear, 1,571 tons, arrived Dec. 18 from Campha, coal. Berthing at H.K. Electric Wharf.
Atsuta Maru (N. Y. K.), Japanese str., Captain K. Takuda, 4,940 tons, arrived December 24 from Nagasaki. Mooring at buoy No. A7.	Hin Sang (J. M. & Co.), British steamer, Capt. Hoskins, 1,885 tons, arrived December 24 from Sandakan. Mooring at buoy No. B22.	Shun Chih (W. Lee), Chinese str., Capt. W. Lee, 1,175 tons, arrived on December 15 from Swatow. Mooring at buoy No. C1.
Bendeli (W. R. Loxley & Co.), British str., Capt. Patterson, 3,755 tons, arrived on December 23 from Manila. Cleared December 24 for Miki.	Hong Kong Maru (O.S.K.), Japanese steamer, Captain Sato, 1,550 tons, arrived on December 24 from Takao. Berthing at O. S. K.'s Wharf.	Sinking (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Captain Gamble, 1,815 tons, arrived December 21 from Haiphong. Mooring at buoy No. B20.
Bonneville (W. R. Loxley & Co.), British str., Captain Cuthbertson, 3,025 tons, arrived Dec. 23 from Singapore. Lying at Stonecutters.	Hong Peng (Ho Thong & Co.), British str., Capt. O. Thomas, 2,525 tons, arrived on December 23 from Swatow. Cleared Dec. 24 for Singapore.	Sirhan (M. & Co.), British str., Capt. J. G. Radge, 4,835 tons, arrived Dec. 22 from Singapore, general cargo. Cleared December 24 for Amoy.
Blackheath (Thorsen & Co.), British steamer, Captain Reid, 2,702 tons, arrived on September 9 from Portland. Lying at North Point.	Isar (Molochers & Co.), German str., Captain P. Kamenz, 5,637 tons, arrived Hong Kong December 23 from Swatow. Cleared on the same day for Singapore.	Skipsan (Gibb, Livingston & Co.), British steamer, Captain L. Whitehead, 3,031 tons, arrived Dec. 24 from Haiphong. Mooring at buoy No. B20.
Burdwan (P. & O. S.N. Co.), British str., left Singapore on Dec. 21, and is due here on Dec. 26 at about noon.	Java (East Asiatic & Co.), Danish steamer, Capt. Seildam, 5,325 tons, arrived on November 13 from Kobe. Mooring at buoy No. A4.	Soli (A. P. C.), Norwegian str., Captain M. Abrahamson, 3,474 tons, arrived December 24 from Balikpapan. Lying at North Point.
Chak Sang (J. M. & Co.), British str., Captain L. McRoe, 1,470 tons, arrived on December 23 from Canton. Mooring at buoy No. B2.	Jeyapore (P. & O. S.N. Co.), British str., Captain R. B. Beck, 3,259 tons, arrived on December 23 from Moji. Cleared Dec. 24 for Singapore.	Stechuen (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Captain J. Atkins, 1,594 tons, arrived Dec. 19 from Amoy, gen. cargo. Cleared Dec. 24 for Shanghai.
Chengtu (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Captain D. D. Richards, 1,556 tons, arrived Hong Kong Dec. 23 from Bangkok via Swatow, general cargo. Cleared December 24 for Swatow.	Kalgan (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Captain D. D. Richards, 1,556 tons, arrived Hong Kong Dec. 23 from Bangkok via Swatow, general cargo. Cleared December 24 for Swatow.	Taiwan (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Captain J. K. Clark, 2,100 tons, arrived December 22 from Canton. Lying at Taikeo Dock.
Cleveland (Thorsen & Co.), American steamer, Capt. E. Jackson, 3,727 tons, arrived Dec. 16 from Longview Ore. Lying at North Point.	Kayna (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Capt. R. H. Histed, 1,572 tons, arrived on December 14 from Canton. Lying at Taikeo Dock.	Wing Wo (W. Lee & Co.), Portuguese str., Capt. I. d. de Lemos, 495 tons, arrived Dec. 18 from K. C. Wan. Berthing at Saikong Wharf.
Corfu (P. & O. S.N. Co.), British steamer, Captain J. K. Chaplin, 7,688 tons, arrived Hong Kong Dec. 23 from London via Singapore, general cargo. Cleared December 24 for Kobe.	Kingyuan (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Capt. N. Hardin, 1,546 tons, arrived on December 22 from Swatow. Mooring at buoy No. B14.	Yat Shing (J. M. & Co.), British steamer, Capt. L. Thomas, 1,629 tons, arrived on December 24 from Swatow. Mooring at buoy No. B20.
Delagoa Maru (N. Y. K.), Japanese str., Captain H. Kogoshima, 4,973 tons, arrived December 24 from Singapore. Lying at Kowloon Dock.	Kitano Maru (N.Y.K.), Japanese str., Capt. K. Fukuda, 4,925 tons, arrived Dec. 15 from Manila, general cargo. Mooring at buoy No. A7.	Yoshow (Butterfield & Swire), British steamer, Captain D. Wilson, 1,630 tons, arrived on December 21 from Taingtau. Cleared December 24 for Canton.
Doucalan (Butterfield & Swire), British str., expected to arrive here from Kobe on Dec. 25 at 11 a.m.	Kwai Sang (J. M. & Co.), British str., Capt. M. Castello, 1,435 tons, arrived December 24 from Swatow. Mooring at buoy No. B4.	Yusho Maru (M. B. K.), Japanese str., Captain B. Hasegawa, 500 tons, arrived on December 24 from Haiste. Lying at Taiwan Bay.
Diomed (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Capt. H. D. Blaney, 3,554 tons, arrived Dec. 23 from Singapore. Berthing at Holt's Wharf.	Laila (Berg & Co.), British steamer, Captain V. Turnbull, 289 tons, arrived Dec. 24 from Saigon, general cargo. Anchorage.	
Flax (A. P. C.), British str., Captain C. W. Turner, 4,377 tons, arrived on Dec. 16 from Tarakan, fuel oil, etc. Lying at North Point.	Luchow (H. & S.), British str., Capt. E. Johnson, 1,221 tons, arrived here Dec. 21 from Swatow, general cargo. Cleared Dec. 23 for Hongkong.	
Emmy (J. M. & Co.), Greek str., Captain J. Michailidis, 2,474 tons, Lying at Kowloon Dock.	Lyeoncoo (W. Lee Sing), British steamer, Capt. E. Holmes, 1,734 tons, arrived on December 22 from Saigon. Mooring at buoy No. B9.	
Empress of Asia (C. P. S.), British steamer, Capt. G. Gould, 8,883 tons, left Yokohama on Dec. 18 at 3 p.m., is due at Vancouver on Dec. 27 at 2 p.m., leaves Vancouver on January 3 at 11 a.m. and is due at Hong Kong on Jan. 22 (Thursday) at a.m.	Mabelia (Thorsen & Co.), Norwegian str., Captain Thorsenfeldt, 840 tons, arrived on December 18 from Bangkok. Mooring at buoy No. B10.	
Empress of Canada (C.P.S.), British str., Capt. W. T. Kinley, 12,811 tons, arrived Hong Kong December 22 from Manila, general cargo. She left here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu on Dec. 24 at 5 p.m.	Marco (Thorsen & Co.), Italian str., Capt. C. Franceschi, 880 tons, arrived December 23 from La Spezia, Italy. Lying at Kowloon Dock.	
Empress of Japan (C.P.S.), British str., Captain L. Douglas, 15,725 tons, arrived at Vancouver on Dec. 14 at 2/4 p.m. and leaves Vancouver on Dec. 25 at 11 a.m. She is due at Hong Kong on January 14 at a.m. and leaves for Manila on the same day in the evening.	Mannan (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Captain W. Beswick, 4,613 tons, arrived December 24 from Manila. Berthing at Holt's Wharf.	
Empress of Russia (C.P.S.), British str., Capt. T. F. Patrick, 7,789 tons, arrived Yokohama on Dec. 23 at 8.30 a.m. and left Yokohama on the same day at 2 p.m. She is due at Hong Kong on December 29 (Wednesday) at 2 p.m. and leaves Kowloon Wharf on Dec. 30 for Kowloon Dock for an annual overhaul after discharge of cargo.	Muinan (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Capt. V. L. Reister, 1,739 tons, arrived Dec. 23 from Hoilow. Mooring at buoy No. B3.	
Eng. Lee (Yeo Tai Hong), Chinese steamer, Captain T. Merel, 865 tons, Lying at Taikeo Dock.	Nanchang (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Capt. J. Middleton, 1,488 tons, arrived on December 23 from Swatow. Mooring at buoy No. B17.	
Feng Lee (Yeo Tai Hong), Chinese str., Captain Y. Kabayashi, 1,359 tons, Lying at Kowloon Dock.	Paula (A. P. C.), Dutch steamer, Captain A. J. Larmann, 1,319 tons, arrived on November 18 from Amoy. Lying at Lai Chi Kok.	
Foo Shing (J. M. & Co.), British steamer, Captain Walter, 1,423 tons, arrived on November 18 from Saigon. Mooring at buoy No. B18.	Produce (Texas & Co.), Norwegian steamer, Capt. E. Winnes, 743 tons, arrived on November 14 from Macao. Lying at Stonecutters.	
Gertrude Maack (Jensen & Co.), Danish str., Captain A. Jagerstrom, 3,155 tons, Lying at Taikeo Dock.	Promiss (K. Larsen & Co.), Norwegian str., Capt. Hotvedt, 727 tons, arrived here December 21 from Hongkong. Lying at Stonecutters.	
Glenzie (J. M. & Co.), British str., Captain E. Roberts, 5,789 tons, arrived Dec. 24 from Singapore, general cargo. Berthing at Holt's Wharf.	Queen Adelaide (Dodwell & Co.), British str., Captain C. H. Redford, 2,993 tons, arrived Dec. 29 from San Pedro. Lying at Junk Bay.	
Hai Shung (Dodwell & Co.), Chinese steamer, Captain P. Book, 2,074 tons, Lying at Stonecutters.	Ranpa (P. & O. S.N. Co.), British str., Captain J. M. Legg, 9,331 tons, arrived December 23 from Shanghai. Mooring at buoy No. A1.	
	R.C. Rickmers (Jensen & Co.), German str., Captain Ranpaich, 3,192 tons, arrived on December 19 from Manila. Lying at Stonecutters.	
	Recorder (Eastern Extension & Co.), British str., Captain F. E. Artell, 850 tons, arrived Dec. 24 from Singapore. Kowloon Harbour.	

PASSENGERS

Departures By Emp. Of Canada

The Canadian Steamship Liner Empress of Canada sailed for Vancouver, B.C. via ports yesterday with the following passengers aboard:—

Mr. W. A. Baay, Miss C. H. M. Bigham, Mr. B. G. Butler, Rev. and Mrs. P. E. Carlson and 4 minor children, Mr. G. W. Carroll, Mr. H. Castillon, Mr. G. A. Churchill, Mr. H. J. Crutwell, Mr. Chin Sam, Mr. Albert Chin Sam, Mr. G. O. Chin, Mrs. Chin Lai Sun Tsoi and family, Mr. Thomas Chin, Mr. Cheng Pao Hua, Mr. S. N. L. Ford, Miss I. B. M. Forsyth, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Gallagher, Mrs. Goo Tai Shee, Mrs. C. P. Gowan, Mr. H. T. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gurr and 3 minor children, Mr. J. Hamlin, Mr. C. J. Haywood, Mrs. Hom Shee, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hickson, Mrs. L. Huse and 2 children, Mr. G. Longfords, Mrs. Lo Chin Shee, Mr. J. B. MacKie, Mr. Lee Hsin Chih, Miss Sarah Marquis, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Meredith, Mr. J. R. Murat, Mr. H. Musker, Mr. Pang Tse Sung, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Rosales, Mr. L. E. N. Ryan, Miss G. Smedley, Mr. H. R. Sturt, Miss V. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Travis and Miss E. Travis and 5 minor children, Mr. V. W. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Worsnip.

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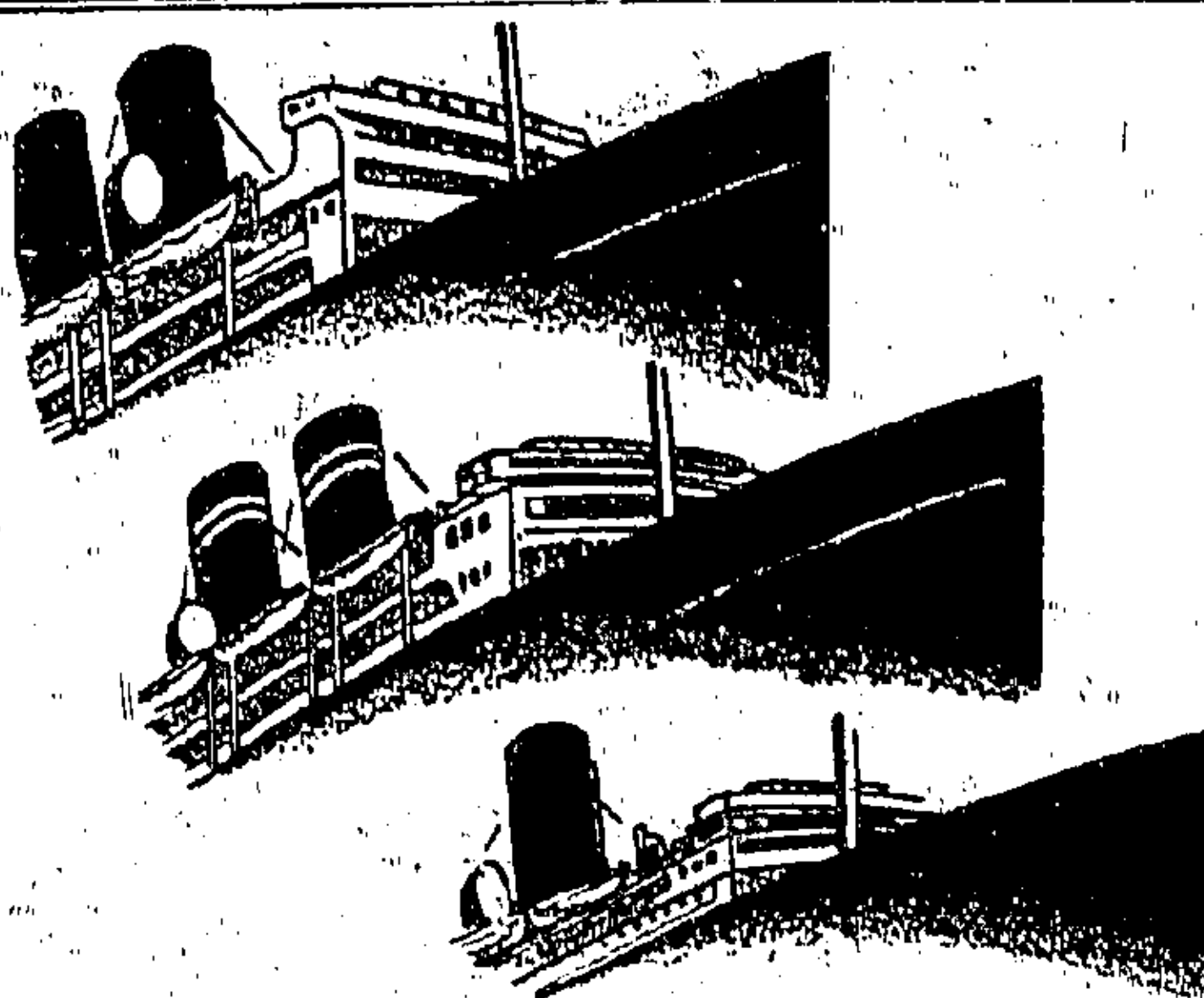
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*SOUDAN	7,000	1st Jan.	Mars. Havre, London, H'burg, R'dam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	8th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KIDDEBPORE	8,000	15th Jan.	Bombay, Karachi & Persian Gulf.
*CORBU	14,500	22nd Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BURDWAN	6,000	29th Jan.	B'ham, Mars. Havre, L'don, H'bg, R'dam, A'werp, & Hull.
CHITRAL	15,000	5th Feb.	Mars. Havre, London, H'burg, R'dam, A'werp, & Hull.
CARTHAGE	14,500	12th Feb.	Mars. Havre, London, H'burg, R'dam, A'werp, & Hull.
*SOMALI	7,000	26th Feb.	Mars. Havre, London, H'burg, R'dam, A'werp, & Hull.
COMORIN	15,000	5th Mar.	Mars. Havre, London, H'burg, R'dam, A'werp, & Hull.
KAISARI-HIND	11,000	7th Mar.	Mars. Havre, London, H'burg, R'dam, A'werp, & Hull.
*BANGALORE	6,000	26th Mar.	Mars. Havre, London, H'burg, R'dam, A'werp, & Hull.
NAUDEBA	16,000	2nd April	Mars. Havre, London, H'burg, R'dam, A'werp, & Hull.

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BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS

TALMA	10,000	1st Jan.	Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta.
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NELLORE	7,000	29th Jan.	Hydrey, Melbourne & Hobart
TANDA	7,000	5th Mar.	

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

*BURDWAN	6,000	25th Dec.	Japan
NELLORE	7,000	4th Jan.	Shanghai & Japan
SHIRAZ	8,000	6th Jan.	Amoy & Japan
CHITRAL	15,000	7th Jan.	Shanghai & Japan
TILAWA	10,000	20th Jan.	Amoy & Japan
CARTHAGE	14,500	21st Jan.	Shanghai & Japan
SANTHA	9,000	3rd Feb.	Amoy & Japan
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Mr. T.B. Wilson Returns From Visit To "Hoover" Wreck

ATANG: ATANG

If the weather is favourable there are prospects of salvaging the Dollar liner "President Hoover" which went aground off Hoishito Island recently, according to Mr. T. B. Wilson, Manager of the local office of the Dollar Steamship Lines, Inc., who returned to Hong Kong yesterday after a visit to the wrecked ship.

Mr. Wilson, together with Capt. T. H. G. Brayfield left Hong Kong on Dec. 12. Mr. T. Swan of the Talkoo Dockyard and Capt. George Anderson, representing the U.S. Salvage Association had left here earlier on the s.s. President McKinley.

In an interview with "The Daily Press" yesterday, Mr. Wilson said they anchored on the south side of the island in a sheltered bay and found there the s.s. President Pierce standing by to take off the remainder of the crew and what baggage and mail that had been salvaged. The U.S. destroyer Alden, the Hosan Mary and a Japanese destroyer were also standing by ready to render what assistance might be necessary.

GALE STARTS

"The salvage crew commenced operations immediately and 'rigged' two cables from the "Hoover" to the shore for the purpose of salvaging the mail and the baggage, and, if necessary, lives. A life boat was also being operated by hand line between the ship and the shore. Things were progressing nicely and the weather was comparatively calm until about midnight, December 17, when a north-east gale began blowing and terrific seas began pounding the "Hoover," each one of which seemed to force her nearer the shore.

"It seems incredible, but it is a fact," continued Mr. Wilson, "that when these waves struck the off-shore side of the vessel they hit with such force that they sent a shower of tons of fuel oil-laden spray higher than the top mast of the steamer. This terrific pounding of the vessel during that night and the following morning resulted in her being driven high on the coral shelf with the result that her back is apparently broken and the hull has buckled in two or three places.

CARGO AND MAIL INTACT

"At the time I left the vessel on Wednesday morning, Dec. 21, the mails, baggage and the major portion of the cargo was still intact. The dining saloon and most of the cabins on the port side had suffered severe damage through the breaking of the port holes and consequent flooding. The mail, baggage and valuable cargo were being rapidly salvaged over the aerial cables. Capt. George Anderson, who is an old ship mate of Capt. Yardley of the President Hoover, was standing by in an advisory capacity and rendering invaluable service. The utmost credit must be given to Lt. Com. Haight of the U.S.S. Alden and his crew. There is a very good chance that the vessel may eventually be salvaged but this, of course, depends to a large extent on the weather."

Mr. Wilson said that Capt. Brayfield, Capt. Anderson and Mr. Swan were remaining on the ship until further notice.

ANOTHER ALCAZAR AT TERUEL

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REPUBLICANS REJOICE
Madrid, Dec. 24: Telegrams of congratulations have been exchanged between the Republican Ministers and Generals and demonstrations of rejoicing have been arranged at Alicante, Barbastro and Albacete, celebrating the Republican victory at Teruel where the Republicans claim to be the undisputed masters.

The Nationalist encircling movement is said to have failed and their columns are said to have been annihilated. Calm is said to prevail at Teruel following the capture by the Republicans.

4,000 PRISONERS
Barcelona, Dec. 24: More than 4,000 Nationalist soldiers have been taken prisoners during the past few days of fighting on the Teruel front according to an official communique issued here last night.

LABOUR PARTY VISIT
London, Dec. 24: Another party of about twenty Labour members of the House of Commons and Labour Peers is expected to visit Spain early next year in response to an invitation by the Spanish Republican Government. It is learned in parliamentary circles—*Transocean*.

WORTH £10,000

But Died In Misery

Although possessing 23,000 shares in gold-mining companies worth £10,000, Kenneth Kemp, an 80-year-old reclusive, died in misery in a shanty in Johannesburg.

It is stated that until recently he slept on a tattered mattress stuffed with bank-notes worth many thousands of pounds. There is reason to believe that he buried the money some time ago.

It is not known how Kemp made this money. He had been in Africa for many years, roaming apparently aimlessly about the country. In his passport was found a newspaper cutting recording the departure of Sir Edward and Lady Kemp from London for Canada in 1919.

Sir Edward Kemp was a member of the Imperial War Cabinet in 1918. He was born in Canada in 1858.

TOLL OF THE ROAD

Weekly Accidents Return

In the Colony of Hong Kong including the Island, Kowloon and the New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, the 18th instant, there were altogether 49 traffic accidents, as the result of which two persons were killed and 16 persons were injured.

Of the persons killed, a Chinese boy, aged 5 years, was knocked down and fatally injured by a motor lorry while running across the road.

A Chinese boy, aged 9 years, died from injuries received when he fell to the ground and was run over by a motor lorry while walking in the roadway.

Of the persons injured, 9 were pedestrians, who were either walking or running across the road and were struck by vehicles.

Three bus passengers and two tram-car passengers were injured while alighting from moving motor buses and tram-cars respectively.

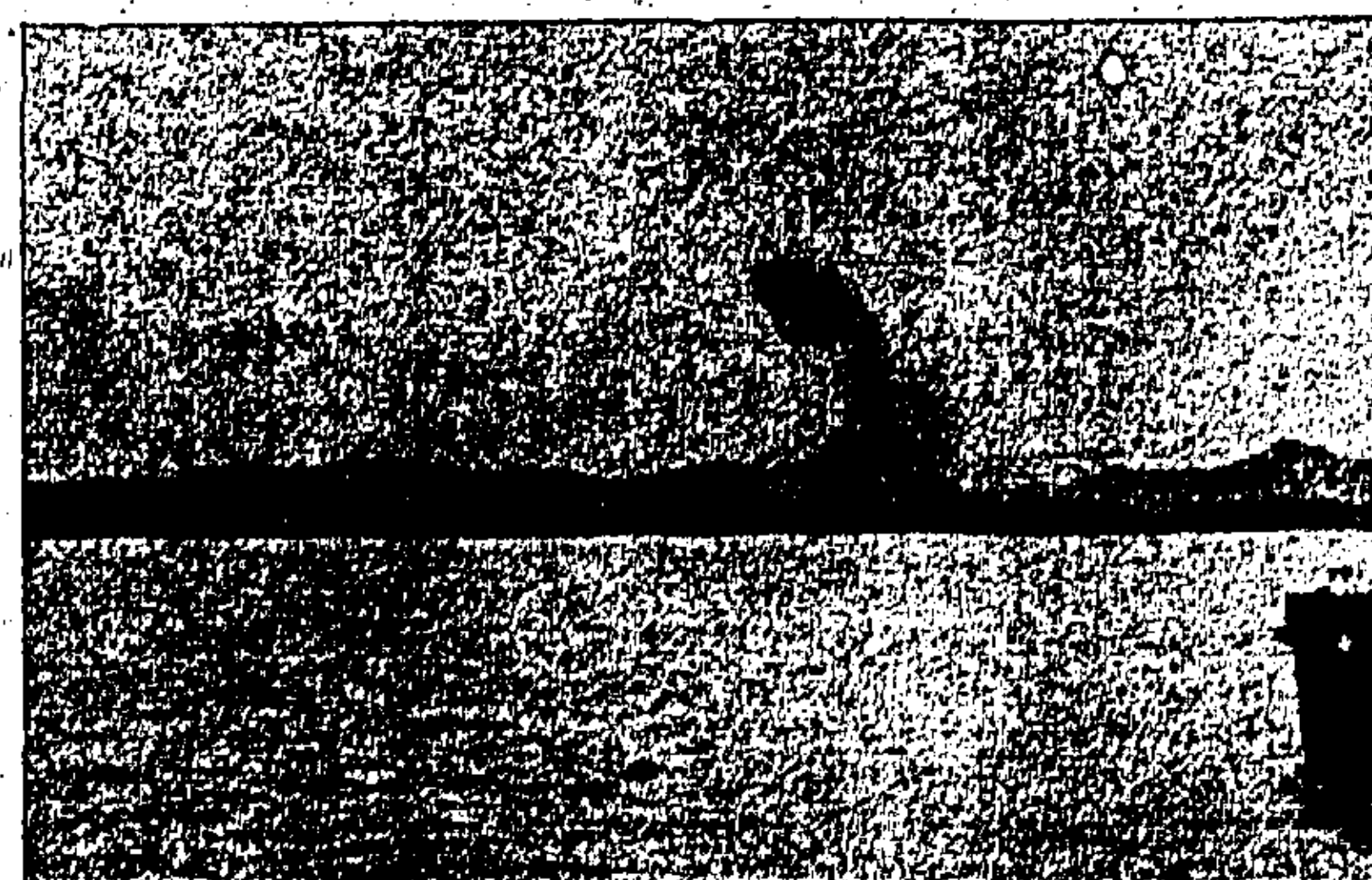
A private car passenger was injured when his vehicle overturned. One lorry passenger was injured through falling from a moving motor lorry.

Of the 49 accidents, 24 were collisions between vehicles; 14 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; and 11 accidents were due to other causes.

Type of Vehicles Involved	No.
Private motor car	23
Motor lorry	13
Public motor car	14
Motor bus	6
Motor cycle	2
Tram-car	7
Bicycle	3

RESIDENTIAL AREAS TO BE RE-OPENED

Shanghai, Dec. 24. A Japanese army spokesman announced that the residential areas outside the western defence sector in Shanghai will be re-opened sometime in January as soon as the necessary policing arrangements are completed. The areas will be under Japanese "controlled Chinese" police. The spokesman also announced that negotiations were in progress for the transfer of patrol duties from foreign units manning the defence sectors. *Reuter*.



September 27, Nanking, Japanese bomb exploding on the Fukow Station.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONG KONG RADIO TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

XLT Telegrams conveying Christmas and New Year Greetings will be accepted by the Radio Office for transmission via Radio during the period from 14th December, 1937 to 6th January 1938, both dates inclusive.

(a) The charge for telegrams to places in China will be based on ONE FOURTH of the ordinary rate and to other places on ONE THIRD of the ordinary rate.
(b) The minimum charge for all places will be for ten words. Further particulars may be obtained on application at the Radio Office.

Air Mail Service to Shanghai is temporarily suspended.

Christmas and New Year cards bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the Post Office at the rate for printed matter, i.e. 5 cents per 2 ounces, for all countries. Hongkong, China and Macao at 2 cents per 2 ounces. Envelopes must not be closed.

Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Date
CALCUTTA and STRAITS ...	Suvarang	25th Dec.
MANILA	Pleasantville	25th Dec.
HAIPHONG ...	G.G. Paul Dourmer	25th Dec.
STRAITS	Conte Verde	25th Dec.
JAPAN	Deucalion	25th Dec.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Schornhorst	25th Dec.
YANGKOK and SWATOW	Yingchow	25th Dec.
SHANGHAI and AMOI	Tianan	25th Dec.
SAIGON	D'Artagnan	25th Dec.
STRAITS	Burdwan	25th Dec.
SHANGHAI FOCHOW and SWATOW	Shantung	25th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 15th December	Pan-American Airways Plane	25th Dec.
SAIGON	Burdwan	25th Dec.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 18th December.	Imperial Airways Plane	27th Dec.
JAPAN	Rakuyo Maru	27th Dec.
HAIPHONG ...	Canton	28th Dec.
STRAITS	Titan	28th Dec.
STRAITS	Agapenor	28th Dec.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Athos II	28th Dec.
STRAITS	Ormos	28th Dec.
JAPAN	Ryufuku Maru	29th Dec.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN and MANILA (Seattle, 14th December)	Pan-Grant	29th Dec.
CANADA, U.S.A., and JAPAN (Vancouver B.C., 11th December)	Emp. of Russia	29th Dec.
JAPAN	Noto Maru	30th Dec.
AMOI	Talman	30th Dec.
JAPAN and MANILA	Triadane	30th Dec.
JAPAN	Kashima Maru	31st Dec.
STRAITS	Suwa Maru	1st Jan.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Boudan	1st Jan.
AUSTRALIA and MANILA	Nellors	1st Jan.
STRAITS	Antenor	1st Jan.
JAPAN	Santos Maru	2nd Jan.

OUTWARD MAILS

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For	Per	DATE AND TIME
MONDAY		
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongning	Monday, 27th, 8.15 AM
Shanghai and Japan	Burdwan	9.00 AM
Dairen	Glanes	9.00 AM
TUESDAY		
Hohu	Myinam	Tuesday, 28th, 8.30 AM
Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow and Chengtu, etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	Eurasia Plane	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 9.00 AM Ord. 9.30 AM
Kongmoon and (Fakhoi via Kongmoon)	On Lee	10.00 AM
Swatow	Yochow	12.30 PM
Amoy and Shanghai	Tianan	3.30 PM
Air Mail for "France Orient Service"—due Marseilles, 9th January, 1938.	Athos II	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 4.30 PM Ord. 5.00 PM
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 24th January 1938.	Athos II	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
WEDNESDAY		
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongning	Wednesday 29th, 8.15 AM
Swatow and Shingai	Kaying	4.30 AM
Fort Bayard and Haiphong	G.G. Paul Dourmer	2.00 PM
THURSDAY		
Swatow and Shanghai	Koaning	Thursday, 30th, 8.30 AM
Swatow and Bangkok	Yingchow	12.30 PM
Haiphong	Qanlan	2.00 PM
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and EUROPE via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C., 19th Jan.—and EUROPE via Siberia	Pan-Grant	Parcel 4.00 PM Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
*Straits and Calcutta	Kumrang	Parcel 31st 8.30 AM Reg. 30th 5.00 PM Ord. 30th 5.00 PM
Air Mail for Chungking by the "C.N.A.C." Airways Direct Service.	C.N.A.C. Plane	Reg. 3rd 5.00 PM Ord. 3rd 6.00 AM
FRIDAY		
Andaka	Myinam	Friday, 31st, 12.30 PM
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam, 11th January, 1938.	Kashima Maru	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 4.30 PM Ord. 5.00 PM
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 30th January 1938	Kashima Maru	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
MONDAY		
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 9th January, 1938.	Pan-American Airways Plane	Monday, 3rd, 5.00 PM Reg. 3rd 5.00 PM Ord. 3rd 5.00 PM

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ATANG ATANG

If the weather is favourable there are prospects of salvaging the Dollar liner "President Hoover" which went aground off Holshtio Island recently, according to Mr. T. B. Wilson, Manager of the local office of the Dollar Steamship Lines, Inc., who returned to Hong Kong yesterday after a visit to the wrecked ship.

Mr. Wilson, together with Capt. T. H. G. Brayfield left Hong Kong on Dec. 12. Mr. T. Swan of the Talkoo Dockyard and Capt. George Anderson, representing the U.S. Salvage Association had left here earlier on the s.s. President McKinley.

In an interview with "The Daily Press" yesterday, Mr. Wilson said they anchored on the south side of the island in a sheltered bay and found there the s.s. President Pierce standing by to take off the remainder of the crew and what baggage and mail that had been salvaged. The U.S. destroyer Alden, the Hosan Maru and a Japanese destroyer were also standing by ready to render what assistance might be necessary.

GALE STARTS

The salvage crew commenced operations immediately and rigged two cables from the "Hoover" to the shore for the purpose of salvaging the mail and the baggage, and, if necessary, lives. A life boat was also being operated by hand line between the ship and the shore. Things were progressing nicely and the weather was comparatively calm until about midnight, December 17, when a north-east gale began blowing and terrific seas began pounding the "Hoover," each one of which seemed to force her nearer the shore.

"It seems incredible, but it is a fact," continued Mr. Wilson, "that when these waves struck the off-shore side of the vessel they hit with such force that they sent a shower of tons of fuel oil-laden spray higher than the top mast of the steamer. This terrific pounding of the vessel during that night and the following morning resulted in her being driven high on the coral shelf with the result that her back is apparently broken and the hull has buckled in two or three places."

CARGO AND MAIL INTACT

"At the time I left the vessel on Wednesday morning, Dec. 21, the mails, baggage and the major portion of the cargo was still intact. The dining saloon and most of the cabins on the port side had suffered severe damage through the breaking of the port holes and consequent flooding. The mail, baggage and valuable cargo were being rapidly salvaged over the aerial cables. Capt. George Anderson, who is an old ship mate of Capt. Yardley of the President Hoover, was standing by in an advisory capacity and rendering invaluable service. The utmost credit must be given to Lt. Com. Haught of the U.S.S. Alden and his crew. There is a very good chance that the vessel may eventually be salvaged but this, of course, depends to a large extent on the weather."

Mr. Wilson said that Capt. Brayfield, Capt. Anderson and Mr. Swan were remaining on the ship until further notice.

ANOTHER ALCAZAR AT TERUEL

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REPUBLICANS REJOICE
Madrid, Dec. 24: Telegrams of congratulations have been exchanged between the Republican Ministers and Generals and demonstrations of rejoicing have been arranged at Alicante, Barbastró and Albacete, celebrating the Republican victory at Teruel where the Republicans claim to be the undisputed masters.

The Nationalist encircling movement is said to have failed and their columns are said to have been annihilated. Calm is said to prevail at Teruel following the capture by the Republicans.

4,000 PRISONERS
Barcelona, Dec. 24: More than 4,000 Nationalist soldiers have been taken prisoners during the past few days of fighting on the Teruel front according to an official communique issued here last night.

LABOUR PARTY VISIT
London, Dec. 24: Another party of about twenty Labour members of the House of Commons and Labour Peers is expected to visit Spain early next year in response to an invitation by the Spanish Republican Government, it is learned in parliamentary circles.—*Transocean*.

WORTH £10,000

But Died In Misery

Although possessing 23,000 shares in gold-mining companies worth £10,000, Kenneth Kemp, an 80-year-old recluse, died in misery in a shanty in Johannesburg.

It is stated that until recently he slept on a tattered mattress stuffed with bank-notes worth many thousands of pounds. There is reason to believe that he buried the money some time ago.

It is not known how Kemp made this money. He had been in Africa for many years, roaming apparently aimlessly about the country. In his passport was found a newspaper cutting recording the departure of Sir Edward and Lady Kemp from London for Canada in 1919.

Sir Edward Kemp was a member of the Imperial War Cabinet in 1918. He was born in Canada in 1858.

TOLL OF THE ROAD

Weekly Accidents Return

In the Colony of Hong Kong including the Island, Kowloon, and the New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, the 18th instant, there were altogether 49 traffic accidents, as the result of which two persons were killed and 16 persons were injured.

Of the persons killed, a Chinese boy, aged 5 years, was knocked down and fatally injured by a motor lorry while running across the road.

A Chinese boy, aged 9 years, died from injuries received when he fell to the ground and was run over by a motor lorry while walking in the roadway.

Of the persons injured, 9 were pedestrians, who were either walking or running across the road and were struck by vehicles.

Three bus passengers and two tram-car passengers were injured while alighting from moving motor buses and tram-cars respectively.

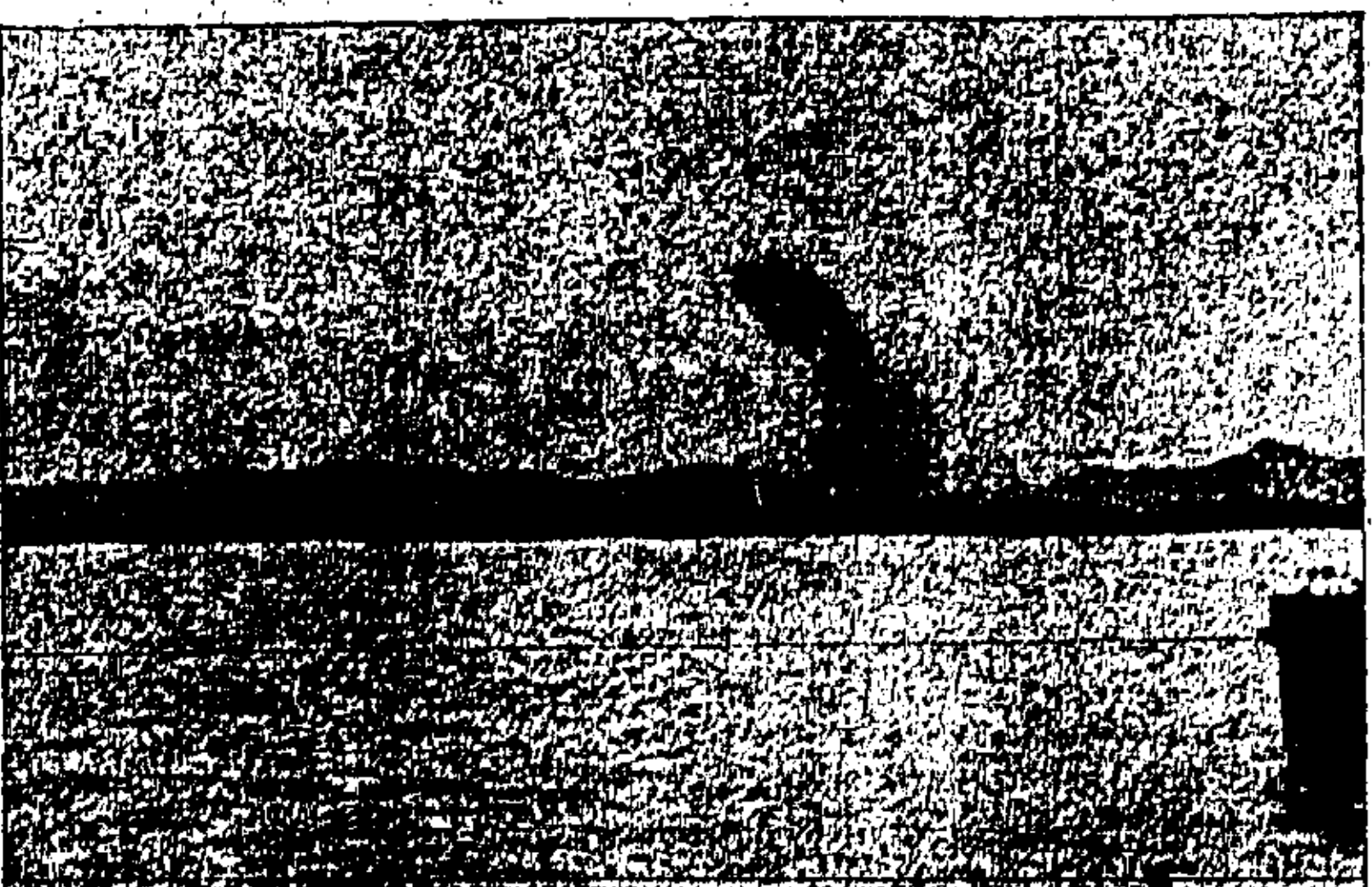
A private car passenger was injured when his vehicle overturned. One lorry passenger was injured through falling from a moving motor lorry.

Of the 49 accidents, 24 were collisions between vehicles; 14 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; and 11 accidents were due to other causes.

Type of Vehicles Involved.	No.
Private motor car	23
Motor lorry	13
Public motor car	14
Motor bus	6
Motor cycle	2
Tram-car	7
Bicycle	3

RESIDENTIAL AREAS TO BE RE-OPENED

Shanghai, Dec. 24.
A Japanese army spokesman announced that the residential areas outside the western defence sector in Shanghai will be re-opened sometime in January as soon as the necessary policing arrangements are completed. The areas will be under Japanese "controlled Chinese" police. The spokesman also announced that negotiations were in progress for the "transfer of patrol duties from foreign units, manning the defence sectors."
—*Reuter*.



September 27, Nanking, Japanese bomb exploding on the Pakow Station.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONG KONG RADIO TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

XLT Telegrams conveying Christmas and New Year Greetings will be accepted by the Radio Office for transmission via Radio during the period from 14th December, 1937 to 6th January 1938, both dates inclusive.

(a) The charge for telegrams to places in China will be based on ONE FOURTH of the ordinary rate and to other places on ONE THIRD of the ordinary rate.
(b) The minimum charge for all places will be for ten words. Further particulars may be obtained on application at the Radio Office.

Air Mail Service to Shanghai is temporarily suspended.

Christmas and New Year cards bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the Post Office at the rate for printed matter, i.e. 5 cents per 2 ounces, for all countries. Hongkong, China and Macao at 2 cents per 2 ounces. Envelopes must not be closed.

Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS

	PER	DATE
CALCUTTA and STRAITS	Suitang	25th Dec.
MANILA	Pleasantville	25th Dec.
HAIPHONG	G. G. Paul Downer	25th Dec.
STRAITS	Conte Verde	25th Dec.
JAPAN	Deucalion	25th Dec.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Scharnhorst	25th Dec.
HONGKONG and SWATOW	Yingchow	25th Dec.
SEANGHAI and AMOY	Tinian	25th Dec.
SAIGON	D'Arzac	25th Dec.
STRAITS	Burdecau	25th Dec.
SHANGHAI FOOCHOW and SWATOW	Shantung	25th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 15th December	Pan-American Airways Plane	26th Dec.
SAIGON	Imperial Airways Plane	27th Dec.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 18th December.		
JAPAN	Rakuyo Maru	27th Dec.
HAIPHONG	Canton	27th Dec.
STRAITS	Titan	27th Dec.
STRAITS	Agapenor	27th Dec.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Athos II	27th Dec.
STRAITS	Ormer	27th Dec.
JAPAN	Ryusaku Maru	27th Dec.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN and MANILA (Seattle, 14th December)	Pres. Grant	28th Dec.
CANADA, U.S.A. and JAPAN (Vancouver B.C., 11th December)	Emm. of Russia	28th Dec.
JAPAN	Noto Maru	30th Dec.
AMOI	Talms	30th Dec.
JAPAN and MANILA	Tiadans	30th Dec.
JAPAN	Kashima Maru	31st Dec.
STRAITS	Suwa Maru	1st Jan.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Soudan	1st Jan.
AUSTRALIA and MANILA	Nellors	1st Jan.
STRAITS	Antenor	1st Jan.
JAPAN	Santos Maru	2nd Jan.

OUTWARD MAILS

REGISTERED AND PARCEL MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 8 p.m. on the previous day.

For	PER	DATE and TIME
MONDAY		
Samohi and Wuchow	Kongning	Monday, 27th, 8.15 AM
Shanghai and Japan	Burdecau	8.00 AM
Dairen	Glendon	9.00 AM
TUESDAY		
Hong Kong	Myinam	Tuesday, 28th, 8.30 AM
Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow and Chengtu, etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	Eurasia Plane	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 9.00 AM Ord. 9.30 AM
Kongmoon and (Pakhoi via Kongmoon)	On Lee	10.00 AM
Swatow	Yachow	12.30 PM
Amoy and Shanghai	Taiwan	3.30 PM
Air Mail for "France Orient Service"—due Marseilles, 9th January, 1938.	Athos II	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 4.30 PM Ord. 5.00 PM
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 24th January 1938.	Athos II	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
WEDNESDAY		
Samohi and Wuchow	Kongning	Wednesday 29th, 8.15 AM
Swatow and Shanghai	Kaying	8.30 AM
Fort Bayard and Haiphong	G. G. Paul Downer	2.00 PM
THURSDAY		
Swatow and Shanghai	Koaiang	Thursday, 30th, 8.20 AM
Swatow and Baugh k	Yingchow	12.20 PM
Haiphong	Onion	2.00 PM
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and EUROPE via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C., 19th Jan.—and EUROPE via Siberia	Pres. Grant	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
*Straits and Calcutta	Suitang	Reg. 3.15 PM Ord. 3.45 PM
Airmail for Chungking by the "C.N.A.C." Airways Direct Service.	C.N.A.C. Plane	Reg. 3.15 PM Ord. 3.45 PM
FRIDAY		
Swatow	Hinang	Friday, 31st, 12.30 PM
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam, 11th January, 1938.	Kashima Maru	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 4.30 PM Ord. 5.00 PM
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 30th January 1938	Kashima Maru	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
MONDAY		
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 9th January, 1938.	Pan-American Airways Plane	G.P.O. Reg. 3rd 5.00 PM Ord. 3rd 5.30 PM

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